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### A Word From Our Delegate

Sitting here reflecting on the first 3 months of my service on Panel 73, it has been a good time. We have had two assemblies, a workshop and our Area 54 48<sup>th</sup> Mini-Conference. I was able to attend the Conference of Delegates Past and Present the weekend of February 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. We practiced with a mock agenda item on Friday night and presented it to our mock conference with past delegates and trustees on Saturday. Everyone had a good time debating and finally passing our item. I also attended our first folding party of the year at the Saharid Social Center on Brookpark Road in Cleveland. We have three more folding parties scheduled for 2023; I hope to see you there at one of them. It is a great service opportunity and lots of fun.

Mark P., our Alternate Delegate, Amanda B., our Mailing Secretary, Ellen W., our Recording Secretary and I attended the Area 55 Mini-Conference in Bowling Green on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended but is only two days and held at a church.

Mark and I attended the Area 53 Mini-Conference held at Salt Fork Lodge in Lore City on March 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended. They hold their assembly right after the conference. We have done that before but it makes for a long day.

Mark P. and Katie S., our Recording Secretary and I attended the Area 56 Mini-Conference on March 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. It was also well attended and held at a mall next to a hotel. Many Areas are trying other venues because of costs associated with having them at hotels.

Our 48<sup>th</sup> Mini-Conference was held on March 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westlake. We had 107 registered AA's attending and it was a great time. We heard reports from Our East Central Regional Trustee, Cathi C. and a report by Patrick C. our GSO staff member. He also shared his story with us after our dinner on Saturday. We had committee sessions Saturday morning and a voting session in the afternoon. Everyone seemed to enjoy the conference. I hope we can get more people involved next year. It is very informative and helps new attendees see how the Conference in New York operates. I will be in New York attending the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference at the end of April. I am looking forward to my Corrections Committee sessions and the Conference. I will be giving a report on what happened at the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference at the Unity Day Workshop on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Brunswick 12 Step Club at 2pm. It will be a potluck event, so please bring your favorite dish to share.

Service is the secret,

**Tim H. - Delegate**

**Area 54 - Panel 73**



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#### AREA ALTERNATE DELEGATE REORT

What a month for Tim and I, we were at all of Ohio's mini-conferences. We drove over 300 miles and spent eight nights in hotels around the state. I liked our Mini-Conference best, it was close and the fellowship I know best was in attendance. I helped where I could. We had Patrick C. from GSO and Cathi C. our Regional Trustee speak. Both shared their experiences, strength, and hope about AA's future and what is happening in AA now.

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## MINI-CONFERENCE REPORT



48-Mini Conference Selected Agenda Items, Reports and Voting  
Chair: Katie S., Parliamentarian: Jeff Y., Timer : Mark P., Secretary:  
Ellen W., Webmaster: Sam P.

Chair clarified the format and procedures.

I. Committee

Chair: Jamie B., Moderator: Wellington R., 12 members attending,

Decided the vote would be by Simple Majority.

Literature

**F. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."**

Consensus after review: Are they going to have literature for two Spirit Indigenous people, e.g. Gay, LGBTQ? No vote required.

G. Review progress report regarding development of a fourth edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonimos-Spanish*

Committee reviewed and supported the development of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonimos-Spanish* No vote required.

H. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholic Anonymous (4<sup>th</sup> edition)* in plain and simple language.

Consensus upon review: Changing and translating into plain and simple language will lose important language with our history. We should not deny anyone the opportunity to receive our message. e.g., Lower than 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. Suggestion: Change from a translation to a study guide of our current edition. Vote: 10 voting members, 3 For 7 Against. Committee Took No Action.

I. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonymous*.

Consensus after review: Reviewed and no comments. No vote required.

**J. Review revised draft of the existing version of the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated."**

Item J was omitted and F was added No Vote

II - Committee

Chair: Matthew P., Moderator: Bob D., 9 members attending Decided the vote would be by Substantial Unanimity

Grapevine

C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2024 or after. The committee selected all six topics presented.

Consensus after consideration: 1. Take into consideration performance of similar title. e.g., For profitability. 2. We agreed the 6 proposed Book/Topics should be produced. No vote taken.

D. Consider a request to provide all area alternate delegates the same Conference materials as sitting delegates.

Consensus after consideration: Agreed that alternate delegates should receive the same conference materials. Item not forwarded.

Policy and Admissions

**A. Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.**

Consensus after consideration: Review GSO general managers report regarding General Services Conference Site selection. Motion made and seconded to recommend further research on site selection. Vote: 9 For, 4 Against. Motion carried. Not forwarded to Mini Conference.

D. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process. The committee discussed Equitable Distribution and workload process. No vote required.

Group III

Chair: Calvin L., Moderator: Sam P., 11 members attending, Decided

the vote would be by substantial unanimity.

Corrections

D. Consider a request to include content in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship on persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship.

Consensus Additional Considerations: This will involve corrections working with Literature and CPC. Request for a cost analysis of what it will take to update 17 items of literature. The committee vote was 11 For and 4 Against.

The Committee presented the motion to the Conference. After discussion, the vote was 68 For, 0 Against

Agenda

A Review suggestions for the theme of the 2024 General Service Conference.

The committee review and selected: #11 – Carry the Message, Our Vision for the Future , #18 – Unity Together in our Diversity. #26 – AA Comes of Age, Again. Mini Conference voted to accept these recommend themes Vote: -60 For, 1 Against.

C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference. Committee selected: # 9 – Trusted Servants, not Governors ; #24 – What is the Newcomer Hearing. #35 – How service is so important to keeping your sobriety. Consensus upon discussion: Not enough sponsors have their sponsees do any service work at all. Mini conference voted to accept these topics. For 67, Against -0.

E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.

Consensus upon discussion: Glad to be able to review a progress report. Glad to see there is a contingency plan for world events. Approved the ask for Delegates to provide AV for their area. No Vote Required.

IV - Committee

Chair: Kimberli A., Moderator Christine F., 14 members, 12 voting members attending, Decided the vote would be by Simple Majority Treatment and Accessibilities

E. Consider request to do an Accessibilities Inventory of Alcoholicos Anonymous throughout its services and structure.

Consensus upon considerations: This is asking GSO to do an accessibility inventory of literature and services provided. What are we already doing? What is working and what is not working? Reminder our primary purpose is to help the sick and suffering alcoholic, whomever they are and wherever they are. The intent of this inventory is to identify areas for improvement in carrying the message to those with accessibility challenges. Background information shared on various disabilities: Physical, Hard of Hearing, Sight, Mental/Cognitive, Language Barriers, Remote Communities and Elderly Persons acquiring disabilities as they age. Consider the scope of this inventory. Disabilities are so widespread. Will it focus on the disabilities mentioned in the background information or try to identify other disabilities? How will it consider materials already available to AA? Reminder that all groups are autonomous and can do group inventories if there are accessibility concerns. Questions on what will be selected to be inventoried, physical accessibility, cognitive impairments, etc.? Is this something that should be a home group or community wide issue and not necessarily an AA issue outside of the resources already provided? Much discussion on the first plain language Big Book which is in development with a variety of opinions (which we realize was not the scope of our ask) .Voted: 7 For, 4 Against, 1 Abstained.

Item move forward to Mini-Conference -1 For , 64 Against.

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# AREA REPORTS AND ARTICLES

## ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

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My wife brought some sloppy joes on Saturday night and our area was able to purchase some soda and water from area 56 for our hospitality suite hosted by the Cleveland North Coast Multi-District. The two ice cream socials were sponsored by District 5, manned by Dustin S. and Jasmine W.

In my eyes, the Mini-Conference was the main event of the year for Area 54. We reviewed the agenda items so Tim H., our delegate, would know how Area 54 felt about the decisions Alcoholics Anonymous will be facing in April at the General Service Conference.

Our panel chose me to host the final presentation "AA's Three Legacies-Our Common Solution". My sponsor, Casey L., Ellen W. and Therese C. spoke passionately about our conference theme and how it fit into their service journey in AA.

I was given the privilege of transporting Patrick C. to and from Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The hour or so of windshield time was spent talking about Area, our lives, and Alcoholics Anonymous. Both of us toured the Cleveland Central Office Archives, hosted by Bob M. on Sunday before I took Patrick to the airport to fly home.

All in all, it was a great, productive, and fun weekend. Make plans to join us next year!

**Mark P., Alternate Delegate**  
**Area 54 - Panel 73**

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## AREA CHAIR REPORT

Responsibility, Unity & Love  
March is the month that we participate in the Area Mini Conferences. It is nothing short of amazing. I see God in every aspect. As your Chair in Area 54, I was able to attend Area 56 (SW Ohio) and our local Area 54 conference. I got to witness coming together to have every voice heard and the delegates listening to collect information to share at the General Service Conference. Watching the General Service Representatives (GSR) come together and bring our voice from the home group to the Mock Conference, it is really magical. I stood in the room where we were voting on the agenda items and listened to all of your voices speak up and represent. It was a spiritual experience for me. We vote on an agenda item and make sure every voice is heard. It is a process that is so divinely

inspired and is securing the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. We show up and be responsible, foster unity and lead with love.

Love and Service,

**Katie S., Area Chair**  
**Area 54 -Panel 73**

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## RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

Blessings.

I have truly been humbled and have been given the wonderful gift of sobriety. This was through hard lessons, surrendering and finding a higher power of my understanding. My path of sobriety includes prayer (lots of it), fellowship and following the 12 steps. I watched and sat with women. My lessons sometimes were learned easily; other times I was kicking and fighting. Early on, I was secretary for my home group and I started attending the business meetings in Lorain County. That is where I fell in love with service. When I had my group required (and service manual) two years of sobriety, I became GSR for my group. A few years after, that I was elected DCM by a group of my peers. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I had to "retire" as DCM and GSR. But I already caught the "service bug." Life shows up and I move on, continuing on my path of sobriety. Four years ago, my life changed dramatically when my husband passed away. Four months after his passing, I asked to be elected GSR as no one else had stepped up during my pause from service. I was blessed in a big way. I was elected alternate chair for the Lorain County Multi District and the following year, Chairperson. In October 2022, I was blessed with the honor and privilege to serve Area 54 as the Recording Secretary. This is a God-inspired opportunity.

Yours in Love & Service,

**Ellen W., Recording Secretary,**  
**Area 54, Panel 73.**

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## MAILING SECRETARY REPORT

I want to first start by thanking everyone who took time to come to the Conference. Each of you played a special part this weekend.

Helping with registration really allowed me the opportunity to meet almost every single one of you as you came in. Adam P. did a wonderful job getting all of that in order. It was nice to see some familiar faces from the past year along with the new ones. The first

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# AREA REPORTS AND ARTICLES, CONT.

**MAILING SECRETARY REPORT (Cont.)** (Continued from page 3)

night, we learned the history of the mini conference, introduced to area delegates, visitors, panel members, committee chairs, DCM's and GSR's. We heard from wonderful members of what service means to them, along with panel 72 and 73 delegates informed us what was going on in their areas. Our East Central Regional Trustee, Cathi C gave the Trustee Report. We heard from GSO Staff, Patrick C about the different areas they are currently working on. Night ended with some ice cream and fellowships.

Saturday I was up bright and early, 'coffeed up' knowing it was going to be a long but fulfilling day. First order of business, we heard from my lovely friends, Mae R and Wellington R from Finance. We all know Mae loves her Birthday/Anniversary envelopes. Make sure if you don't have any for your home group to hand out that you see her to get some. Wellington reminded us that \$1 from years back doesn't provide today like it did then. He really made me think I need to maybe downsize the size of coffee I get before meeting and add it to what I normally put in. I also am responsible to share that with my home group.

We then broke off into our committee sessions. I was personally on Committee 6 for "Reports/Charter and Public Information." We were a lively group led by Tina C, chair and DeVona S-R co-chair. We went over possible service manual changes, the anonymity of the Conference final report, reviewed a YouTube report and the Meeting Guide Performance. Everyone was able to ask questions, be heard and respected on any possible difference of opinions. We were even lucky to have Patrick C GSO Staff come in and clear up some questions regarding the Public Information. I enjoyed being a part of this committee. We then took a break before the Mock Conference with going to the Hospitality suite, while others stepped away or went back for a nap. The Mock Conference gave us a very small glimpse into how all of this works in New York. People called for motions, clarity or just to be heard why they felt strongly on the subject. I even learned how to bring a motion back to the floor regarding ASL with help of my new buddy Calvin L and Susan R. The mock conference chair Katie S and Jeff Y did a great job keeping us in line and bringing us back when we went off topic. The night ended with a nice banquet, an awesome skit (oh the skit, you had to be there) and lead by Patrick C. I really enjoyed Patrick's lead

more so with where he is at today, not only in his program but his job. He truly felt he needed to be a part of service all the time and he allowed himself to be open for a change and move across the U.S. to make it happen. Night ended with some getting ice cream calling it a night while others went to the Alcathon put on by OYPAA or to hear some videos, podcasts with Sam P.

Sunday was our final day with speakers carrying on the theme of AA's Three Legacies. They all did such a wonderful job delivering their message to us. Therese C will now have me switching out a three legged stool with a tricycle, for me makes so much more sense. Past delegates graced us with wonderful Ask-it-basket questions. We as whole got clarity on some questions we were having. Great general sharing session to end the conference.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who came out to this conference, It truly was a success because all of you were there.

**Amanda B., Mailing Secretary**  
**Area 54, Panel 73**

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## GROUP SERVICES REPORT

GSR School was held on 02/19/2023 at the Brunswick 12 Step Recovery Club and on Zoom, and it was very well attended. I want to thank everyone who attended and helped in this day of sharing, learning, service and the sunlight of the spirit. Special thanks to the GSR School Team: Amanda, Dustin, Sam, Susan, Wayne and Jerry with the 12 Step Recovery Club. Any new GSR's or anyone interested in receiving the GSR Kit link to our google drive, you can use the QR code or the link below. The GSR Kit link includes: the AA Service Manual PDF with searchable outline and Table of Contents links, the G.S.R. Kit content list with hyperlinks to materials at AA.org, the Area 54 Guidelines, the 2023 GSR Workbook and the Area 54 Schedule.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19oQMXL20mcsX7A03tlTCjx8\\_ewJ1YAqh?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19oQMXL20mcsX7A03tlTCjx8_ewJ1YAqh?usp=share_link)



We have had numerous inquires, since GSR School and the Mini-Conference, come in to Group Services about GSR materials and how to get started as a new GSR, so I'm helping to guide those new GSR. We have also had numerous GSR's with questions about their group information and wanting to make sure their AA groups are registered, so I referred them to Devona, the Area 54 Registrar, to assist. Thanks for your awesome help Devona!

Exciting news, we have a plan in place to digitize our

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## GROUP SERVICES REPORT CONTINUED

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Group Change form! I will be working with Devona, the Area 54 Registrar, to automate our Group Change form for an easy online submission for our groups. This will make it quick and easy for a GSR or group to update their information. This will also help the registrar to track change requests and quickly and accurately update the groups' information in Fellowship Connection. We hope to have this function live within the next couple of months.

The 48th Area 54 Mini-Conference had 107 people register. It was great to meet and hear the ideas of our new GSR's and DCM's. If you have any questions about General Service, or need help with your groups from Area 54, or have ideas of how to carry the message, please reach out to me at [groupservices@area.54.org](mailto:groupservices@area.54.org)

**Adam P, Group Services Chair  
Area 54, Panel 73**

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

I wish to talk about money which is our finances in A.A. To begin, I want to say there are no dues or fees for membership in AA. We are self-supporting, which means we take care of our own selves. That means we pay our own rent, utility bills, buy our own coffee, snacks and literature at our Home Group.

Self-supporting also means each one of us is privileged to give to GSO (General Service Office) which is our office in New York. GSO take care of Group Services, Box 459, General Service Conference, Loners Internationalist, Regional Forums, Archives, Corrections, Treatment and Accessibilities, Publishing of Literature and Big Books (all our books) and all Administrative needs of the Corporation. [The 12 Concepts as explained in the Service Manual explains our corporation.] We do not get any money from government, city, churches or any other organization. We are self supporting. So individuals can be self-supporting by giving in the Birthday/Anniversary Envelopes. One dollar (\$1.00) for each year of sobriety is suggested. When someone announces they have a AA birthday or anniversary, we give them an envelope.

We all cannot be Delegates, General Service Representatives (GSR) , or District Committee Members (DCM), but we ca all show gratitude by giving. We can do this online, at AA.org and use our bank card or credit card..

It cost GSO at least \$7.00 to \$8.00 per member of

## FINANCE REPORT CONTINUED

AA to keep the doors open and to service the membership. With that being said, let us pass out the envelopes to our home group members and each one of should be giving at least \$3.00 in the basket and \$5.00 in the home group basket.

Remember: Putting that \$1.00 in the basket is not enough anymore. \$3.00 at outside meting and \$5.00 at our home group. \$3.00 equals \$1.00 for Unity, \$1.00 for Service and \$1.00 for Recovery.  
**GIVE UNTIL IT FEELS GOOD!!**

Grapevine is supported by purchases of Grapevine books or magazine subscriptions. Since contributions do not support Grapevine, tell your home group members about the Grapevine – Our "Meeting in Print."

**Mae R, Finance Committee Chair,  
Area 54 Panel 73**

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## **HISPANIC LIAISON REPORT**

Lots of great interaction is happening in the Hispanic recovering community, and we are active participating. The following is a sample of what is happening:

Hay Una Solucion Group, of Painesville, decided to commemorate its 7th. Anniversary on April 1st by inviting the public at large to its festivities, and to inform them that "There is solution" to alcoholism. Area 54 and G.S.O. has contribute with literature/pamphlets to foster this event.

The AA Cleveland Central Office is also promoting good relations with the Hispanic community by fostering connectivity between the Spanish speaking suffering alcoholics and the Hispanic's Groups.

We can do this online, AA.org and use our bank card or credit card. But there is a limit of \$5,000.00 per person per year.

Our Area is helping with the creation and formation of Hispanic Group/Meeting in Akron, OH. Said group is called Grupo Libertad. It will open operations on March 27, 2023, at 6:00pm at St. Bernard Church. The trusted servants conducting the meetings are Brian R. and Amy F. Thanks for the service!

**"La Grandeza Se Encuentra En El Servicio" –  
"Greatness Is Found In Service"**

**Wellington R., Hispanic Liaison  
Area 54, Panel 73**

# MINI—CONFERENCE REPORT CONT.



## MINI-CONFERENCE REPORT CONTINUED

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F. Discuss carrying the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities. Consensus upon considerations: What does the Delegate need to know? How does your group or how has your group carried the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges, and diverse neurological abilities? As a group and within our home groups, we are not qualified to help with specific disabilities, but we are able to carry the message the best we can in each situation. Stick to our primary purpose of helping another alcoholic, whom ever they are. Utilizing existing pamphlets such as the AA Literature for Alcoholics with Diverse Accessibility Needs. Examples - easy to read, illustrated pamphlets. What does your group think are the best methods to reach alcoholics with these challenges and/or diverse abilities? Why is this an Agenda Item for Treatment and Accessibilities? Is this a better fit for CPC? We recognize that there are other organizations and resources available for this specific group, and we want to be able to bridge the gap while still staying in our alcoholic lane. Serve as a resource to our county Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Boards. Collaborate with CPC Committee to create workshops for corrections, hospitals and treatment facilitates staff. How do we energize our districts to do this type of work? Believe new pamphlets are not necessarily the answer for this specific population. No vote required. International Conventions/Regional Forums

D. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first time attendees. No Action Taken

V – Committee

Chair Bev F. Moderator Mark P. 11 members in attendance. Committee decided the vote would be by Simple Majority Cooperation with the Professional Community

C. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for mental health professionals. Committee did not get the information to review the requested agenda item. We could not review the agenda item.

D. **Consider retiring the pamphlet “A Member’s-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous.”** 1) Pamphlet was religion based not spiritual. -this could alienate new members and the mental health professionals 2) Simplify, too long, over whelming. Vote: 11 votes to retire pamphlet. Committee voted to forward to the conference. After discussion included: Mention of religion will steer away members. Needs to be simplified. It’s overwhelming. Committee in favor of retiring pamphlet. Pamphlet was written for mental health professionals, pamphlet not current. The Mini-conference voted to retire the pamphlet. 61 For 0 Against.

Public Information

P. Review report on 2022 A.A. Membership Survey results reporting. Committee agree to proceed with the results reporting of the membership survey. 11 For, 0 against. No action required.

R. Consider request to implement an Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Instagram account. Committee voted to implement an Instagram account for AA World Service 10 For, 1 Abstained.

Moved forward to the Mini Conference. Discussion included: 1) Agreed to expanding the message. 2) Grapevine already has an Instagram account. 3) AAWS would be in addition to the GV account. Vote 52 For, 6 Against

VI - Committee

Chair: Tina C Moderator DeVona S-R., 10 members attending, Decided the vote would be by substantial unanimity Report and Charter

A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2023-2025 Edition:

A1. Review list of editorial updates.: Nothing available to review..

A2. Consider the request to rescind the 2018 Advisory Action concerning a footnote in the resolution concerning “register” and “groups” Committee discussed Voted

10 Against Send forward to Mini- conference. After discussion 56 voted not remove the footnote 1 voted to remove the footnote.

A3. Consider the request for specific changes to the 2021-2023 version of The A.A. Service Manual.

Reviewed the changes from the Texas group. Committee voted 1 For 8 Against No Action Taken

A4. Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled “Amendments.” Committee reviewed. No Vote Required

A5. Review feasibility report of an ASL translation of The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service. Committee reviewed and felt it was worth the cost and investment. No Vote Required

C. Consider posting an anonymity-protected Conference Final Report on aa.org. Committee voted 10 For. Item was not brought to the Conference Public Information

D. **Review report on “YouTube Performance.”**

Committee discussed. Very good tool and to understand the analytics is needed. No Vote Required.

F. **Review report on “Meeting Guide Performance.”**

After lengthy discussion one person felt that unregistered meetings should not be in the meeting guide. Others felt this is a tool to help and it is important for us to put out the proper information to ensure that help is there. No Vote Required.

VII -- Committee

Chair: Mae R., Moderator Adam P., 8 Voting members 12 member attending, Decided the vote would be by Substantial Unanimity Finance

A Consider a request that materials produced and maintained by A.A. World Services, AA Grapevine, La Viña, and the General Service Office (GSO), clarify that the General Service Board (“GSB”) is the A.A. entity which receives all voluntary A.A. contributions and that GSO is the A.A. entity which performs the processing of all A.A. contributions. Committee Motion: The committee recommends that throughout our literature, service pieces, guidelines, reports and on the AA org website; any place where it is found to be unclear that our voluntary AA contributions are made payable to the General Service Board although they are sent to the General Service Office for processing. Vote 8 For 0 Against. Committee agreed. Forwarded to the Mini Conference. Discussion included 1) GSB receives money; checks should be made out to General Service Board. 2) GSO performs the processing. 3) Any place where address is unclear needs to be changed. Vote taken that literature be corrected/changed. 50 For 9 Against The Minority spoke. The Minority stated that 72<sup>nd</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> GS Conference Finance Committees has already been addressing this issue to change the incorrect address in all literature. As a clarification, literature is not republished until all the stock has been distributed.

Motion made by to revote and. seconded. Vote taken and passed. The Conference re-voted on the original motion. 3 For 59 Against.

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# UPCOMING DATES FOR THE AREA AND BEYOND

## NOTE THE DATE

**April 16, 2023** Hybrid Area Assembly GV Lit

**May 21, 2023** Hybrid Unit Day & GSC Report Workshop (Potluck)

**June 9-11, 2023** Founders Day  
Grapevine Sales Saturday only 6/10

**June 25, 2023** Area Open House Picnic  
Miller Park, Avon Lake OH



**July 16, 2023** Hybrid Area Assembly GV Lit

**August 11-13, 2023**  
**The 67th Ohio State Convention**  
Holiday Inn, Fairborn OH  
*All AA members are encouraged to attend.*

**August 20, 2023** Hybrid DCM College (Potluck)

**November 17-19, 2023** East Central  
**Regional Forum, NE Ohio is Host**,  
Doubletree Hilton, Independence OH  
*Registration is FREE*

## OUTSIDE our AREA

**April 24-30, 2023**  
General Service Conference,  
Brooklyn, NY

**May 6, 2023**  
Ohio State Conference Planning Meeting  
Columbus OH

**June 23-25, 2023**  
East Central Regional Conference &  
Indiana State Convention  
South Bend, IN

**November 4, 2023**  
Ohio State Planning Meeting, Columbus OH  
*(Area 54 NE OH Hosts 2024)*

GV = Grapevine Sale days  
Lit = Literature Sale days

**EXCEPT AS NOTED, Area Assemblies & Workshops begin at 2:00 pm and are held at The 12 Step Recovery Club, 1480 Pearl Rd. (in Brunswick Plaza), Brunswick, OH 44212. The club is on US Route 42, about 1/4 mile south of State Route 303. Phone: (330) 273-7216**

### MINI-CONFERENCE REPORT CONTINUED

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E. Review Self-Support Packet. Committee reviewed. Took No Action. Literature

E. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic." Committee reviewed. No Action Required

Policy and Admissions

C. Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure. No Action Taken.

VIII -- Committee  
Chair: Bob McK., Moderator: Crystal J., 8 members attending Decided the vote would be by Substantial Unanimity

Public Information

B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):

B1. Review the distribution and tracking information for two video PSAs: i. "Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall" ii. "Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking is no longer a Party"

B2. Review the 2022 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs."

Committee reviewed and discussed: PSA Video: When drinking is no longer a Party. The committee agreed that it is outdated and too long; The PSA Video: My Drinking Built a Wall. The committee liked it better. Over all committee members agreed that they are relevant and useful. No Vote Required.

Literature

O. Discuss cost effective media options that welcome young people to **A.A. as an alternative to revising the 'Too Young?' pamphlet**

Consensus upon review: Would like to retire Too Young pamphlets and have shorter tri-fold with a QR code. Using more social media and online presence with articles, videos, question, and answer sections. Voted 8 For 0 Against in favor of consensus. Committee took no action

Finance (*Literature Item*)

F. Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI's) related to changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions approved by 2021 General Service Conference.

Consensus upon discussion: Committee wants the text to remain the same as the founders wrote it. Keep original text as is in the 1939 edition and making another Big Book with a simpler plain text for those that would like to have that inclusivity and other wording differences pertaining to **today's society. Also to add a forward in the new book that the topic was discussed and why it was decided not to change the wording in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. No vote required.**

Floor Action #1:  
International Convention / Regional Forums - promote to get younger people to participate. Due to the time this item was not discussed by the Mini Conference.

Mock Conference was adjourned.



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