

# 73<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

*“A.A.’s Three Legacies –  
Our Common Solution”*



**73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
General Service Conference**



**Area 82 Panel 73  
Gerry W.**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

“AND I WAS ROCKETED INTO A 4TH DIMENSION OF EXISTENCE THAT I HAD NOT EVEN DREAMED”

Feeling Inadequate, Overwhelmed and Grateful  
All at the Same Time 😊

Saturday at the Pre Conference festivities

Steps, Traditions and Concepts  
(12x12x12=1728) meeting

Remote Communities Meeting:

How have we overcome Linguistic,  
Cultural and Geographic obstacles ?



## 2023 Remote Communities Communicator: Fulfilling Our Primary Spiritual Purpose with Remote Communities!!

Greetings to the members of the 73rd General Service Conference!!

The theme for the 2023 Pre-Conference Remote Communities Meeting held before the 73rd General Service Conference opens is Fulfilling Our Primary Spiritual Purpose with Remote Communities!!

This non-Conference event is an opportunity to learn how A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada transcend the barriers of geography, language, culture, and life conditions to carry our message to all who seek it. *Each area determines how to apply this definition to its specific circumstances.* Remote Communities can be found in most, if not all, areas in North America.

Requests for articles for this newsletter and the opportunity to be a presenter at the meeting were sent out in mid-February. We appreciate all of the responses we received.

We asked three presenters to give their experiences, strength, and hope regarding the following questions:

1. How to foster a thriving Third Legacy Culture with a Cultural Community?
2. How to foster a thriving Third Legacy Culture with a Geographic Community?
3. How to foster a thriving Third Legacy Culture with a Linguistic Community?

We encouraged each Area to submit an article of between 500 - 600 words. Articles can include anything that can help those involved with remote communities and might address such topics as the history of an area's Remote Communities efforts, the types of perils areas face, solutions that have proven effective, literature that has been used to carry the message, and plans for future involvement.

Thank you to all the areas which contributed to this year's Remote Communities Communicator Newsletter —09 – Mid-Southern California; 29 –Maryland; 69 –Utah; 78 – Alberta/ NWT; 79 – British Columbia/ Yukon; 80 – Manitoba; and 91 – Saskatchewan.

We want to thank our three presenters at the meeting, Mitchell B. (Panel 72, Area 09); Lori R. (Panel 73, Area 91) and Richard Mc. (Panel 72, Area 80). We also want to thank Misha Q. for her help and the staff at G.S.O. for their assistance in organizing this year's meeting and newsletter.

It has been a genuine honor for all of us to prepare and serve as Co-Chairs for this wonderful event. We hope everyone who attended the meeting left feeling more informed about the Remote Communities and will learn even more by reading the articles found here. ■

### *In Love and Service,*

Janet F., *Panel 72/Area 23 Delegate (Southern Indiana);*  
Richard Mc. *Panel 72/Area 80 Delegate (Manitoba);*  
Tami L., *Panel 72/Area 78 Delegate (Alberta/NWT).*

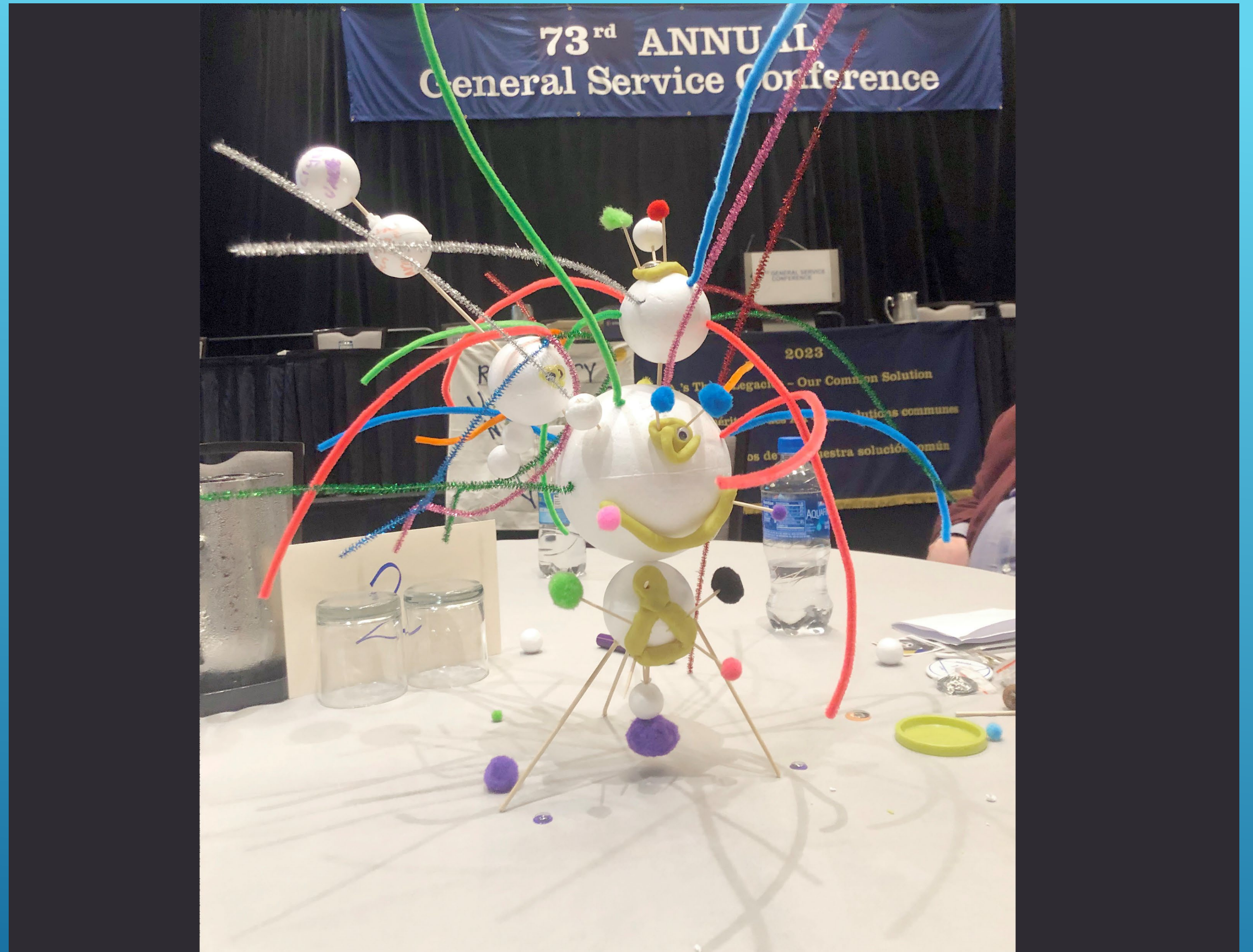
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# Delegates Only Meeting



Each one is Unique  
Each has the potential to be magnificent  
Each one is a nut



Future AA Interpretative Art Sculpture 😊

# 73<sup>RD</sup> CONFERENCE WEEK SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<b>General Service Conference</b>						
9a	Opening Session Great Room	Conference Committee Meeting Sunset Park	Conference Corrections Meeting Sunset Park	Committee Reports and Discussion Salons GHI	Committee Reports and Discussion Salons GHI	Committee Reports and Discussion Salons GHI	Farewell Talks by Rotating Trustees Salons GHI
10a							
11a	Workshop – "Practicing Our Twelve Traditions Across			Committee Reports and Discussion Salons GHI	Committee Reports and Discussion Salons GHI	Committee Repo Participation of C Salons GHI	
12p	Lunch and Delegate Orientation by Re	Lunch Salon D	Lunch Salon D	Regional Lunches for Delegates	Lunch Northside	Lunch Northside Ballroom	
1p	Area Service High Great Room	Area Highlights Salon GHI	Trip to General Service Office Promenade Outside Salon GHI	Elections: Northeast Regional Trustee Salons GHI	Presentation/ Dis Salons GHI	Plain Language Big Book Discussion Salons GHI	
2p	Presentation/Disc Great Room	G.S.B. Report Sun Salon GHI		Election Continu Salons GHI	Committee Reports and Discussion Salons GHI		
3p		A.A.W.S. Board R Salon GHI		Elections Continued/ Committee Reports and Disc	Committee Reports and Discussion Salons GHI	Final Sharing Session Salons GHI	
4p		A.A. Grapevine Board Summary:				Farewells by Rotating Delegates	
5p	Joint Trustee and Conference Committee Meeti	World Service Me Dinner Salon D		Dinner Northside Ballroom	Dinner Northside	Closing Remarks Dinner Northside	
6p			Delegates Dinner and Delegates Only M				
7p	Opening Dinner Great Room	Finance Report Salon GHI			General Sharing Session – What's On your Mind? Salons GHI		
8p		Questions and Ar Salons GHI	Area Highlights Salons GHI	General Sharing Salons GHI			
9p		General Sharing Salons GHI		Committee Reports and Discussion	Committee Reports and Discussion		

# SUNDAY OPENING

Observers from the General Service Boards of Mexico, Peru and Poland were admitted as observers

Jocelyn K. accepted as representative of Area 89 (Eastern Quebec) as the Delegate

Bob W. (DSO Manager) conducted Roll call

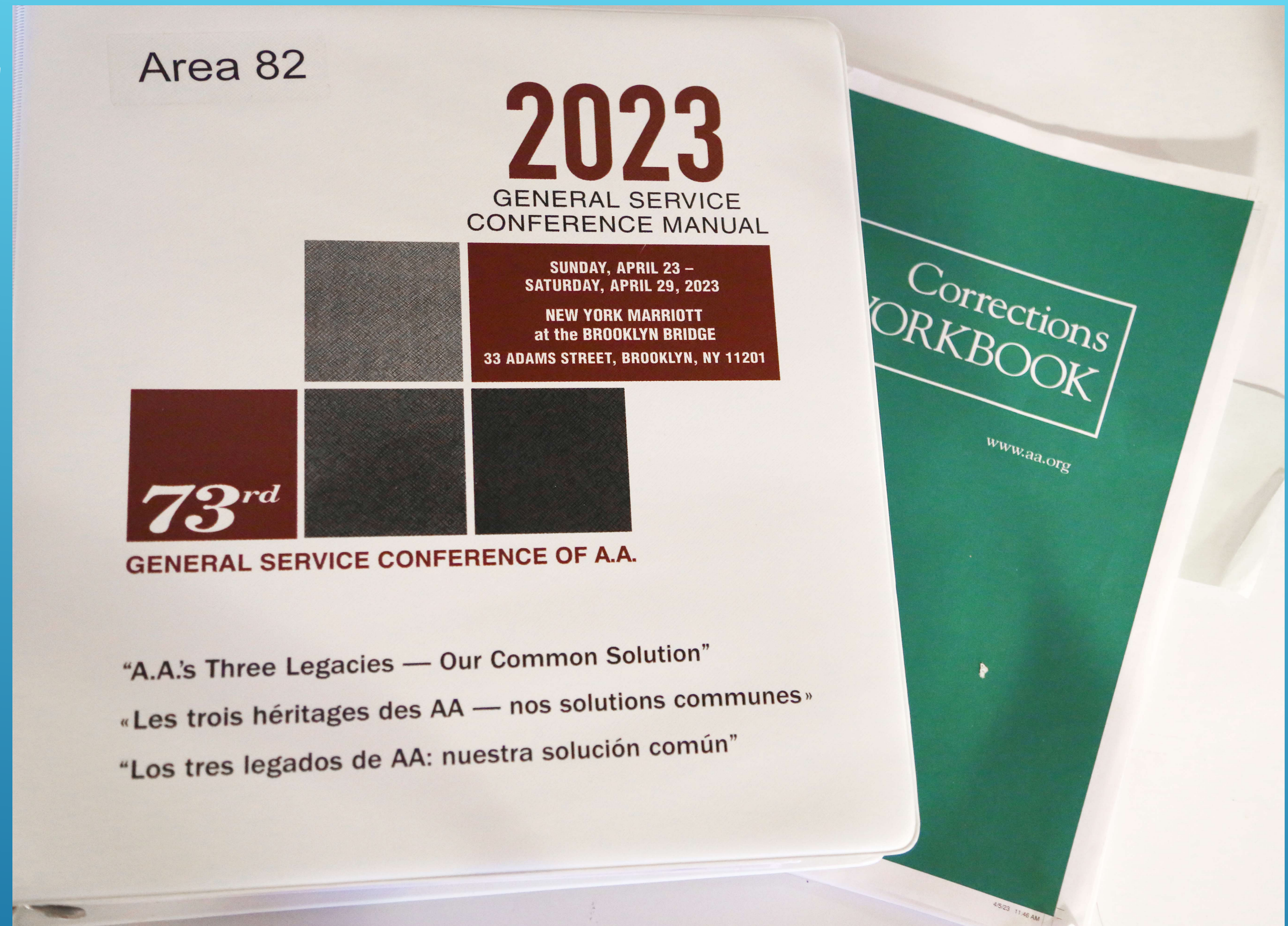
Tami L. (Delegate Chair, Area 78, Alberta / NWT) brought greetings on behalf of the Panel 72 and 73 Delegates

Diana L., GSO Conference Coordinator, walked us through our General Service Conference manual.

Francis G. (Northeast Regional Trustee) delivered a keynote address

Bob W then explained the mechanics of the Conference and voting procedures

“Practising our Twelve Traditions Across All Group Settings”  
Workshop



# LOCATION PLUS

CAROLYN W (CLASS B) CHAIR OF THE "LOCATION PLUS" AD HOC COMMITTEE

## Location+ Timeline

Milestones and approvals needed to approve renewal of the lease or approval of a new location and transition plan



# SUNDAY EVENING

Joint meeting between Trustees and Conference Committee members ( In my case, Corrections)

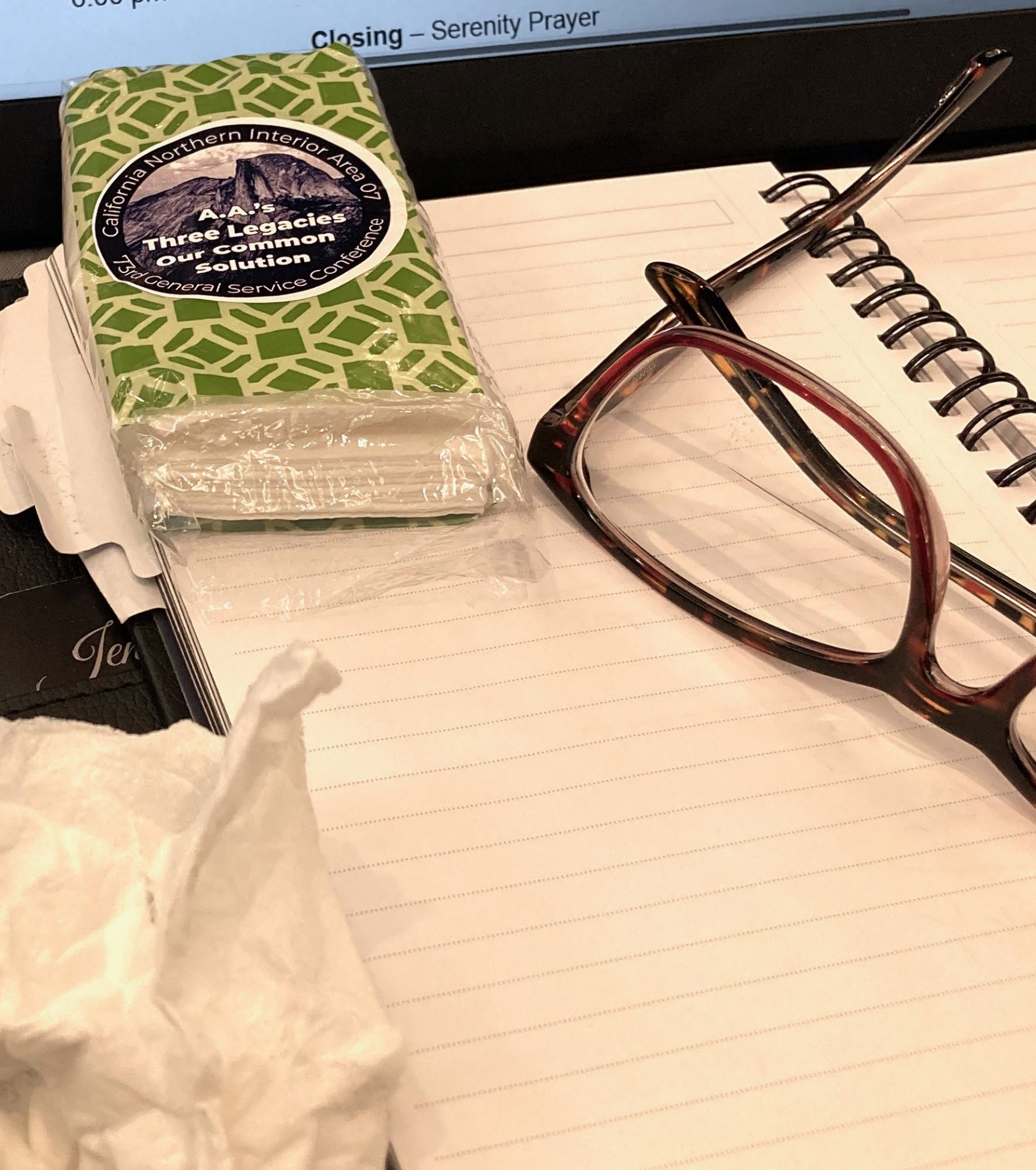
Opening Dinner and AA meeting





FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION  
Salons GHI

- 1:30 – 3:30 pm **Plain Language Big Book Discussion**  
Moderator – John W. A.A.W.S. Non-Trustee Director,  
Chair, Plain Language Translation Subcommittee
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm **Break**
- 3:45 – 4:45 pm **Final Sharing Session**
- 4:45 – 5:45 pm **Farewells by Rotating Delegates**
- 5:45 pm **Closing Remarks** – Jimmy D  
Interim Chair, General Service Board
- 6:00 pm **73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference Adjourns**  
**Closing** – Serenity Prayer



# PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

## A.A. in Plain Language: A Tool for Accessing the Big Book

My time was 6:30 AM on Monday

I meditated in advance. I wanted to approach the reading session with an open mind to start.

I freely admit to “contempt prior to investigation”

I fell in love with it almost immediately

\*NOTE , this is a first draft and benefitted greatly from the feedback provided on Friday.

# PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

New Preface—"Not a replacement," but "another tool."

New Forward gives a "Coles Notes" history of AA and the Plain Language project.

Original "Doctor's Opinion" side-by-side with plain language

Definition of some A.A. terms in the margins

Some language changes "Partner demands a divorce..."

Subtitles/Headers throughout

"My Early Career as a Stock Market Investor" in Bill's Story

"Finding Serenity" before 9th Step Promises

"Finish Your Housekeeping" in Into Action

"God as You Understand God" in There is a Solution

Original Steps included prior to a side-by-side translation of the Steps

"3. *We decided to trust God as we understood God to guide our lives.*"

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Alcoholics



# MORE...

Love the language of Big Book...after years of studying it. "This is precisely what I say to people I am taking through the Big Book" Provides access to those without access to a sponsor

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It's about time. I have 23 year's experience working with people with brain injuries

Energy of love felt. Is there a need? Not for me, but for others. Yes

I thought I would hate it. And I don't

2% of members come from correctional facilities. Should be higher. This might help

I will always remember that day when I opened that book

Will help people be able to get sober. God is not missing

As a sponsor I now have another tool. What a gift

# SOME PUSHBACK ...

Side by Side Twelve Steps (original in one column, with the Plain Language translation beside it was unsettling (for me)

Do not use title “Alcoholics Anonymous”, several suggestions offered

Jaywalker is now a woman; significant distraction for many

The definitions in margins needed significant work

Some of the language was softened – less focus on the fatality of Alcoholism

Dramatic nature of Bill’s original writing style is diminished

“Here lies a Hampshire Grenadier ...” This doggerel does not translate well into prose.



# AD-HOC ON ONLINE GROUP PARTICIPTION

Currently there are 1,168 listings for virtual groups in the U.S./Canada general service structure as of December 2022.

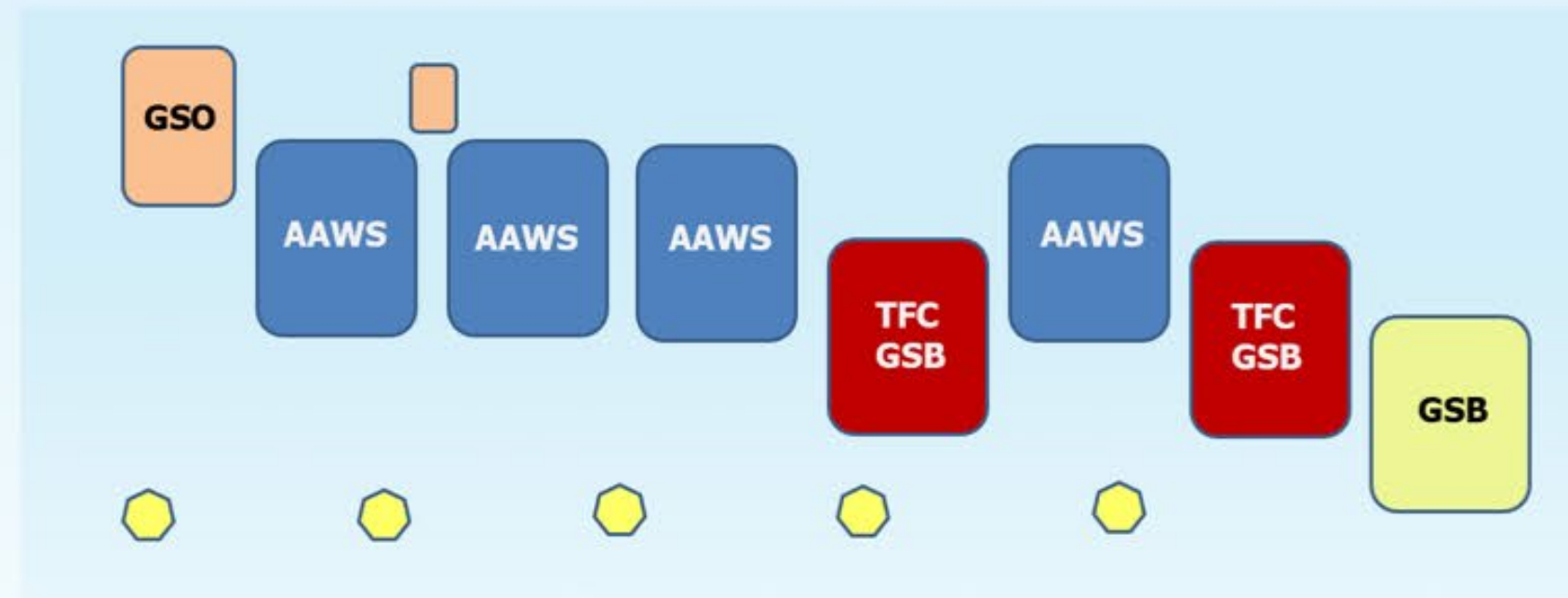
Of these 1,168 groups groups, 752 of them have a GSR as their primary contact. In December 2022 there were 883 groups with 587 having GSRs as main contact

In April 2022, there were 595 active virtual groups in the database.

Currently two virtual Districts that are listed in the GSO database: District 20 in Area 48, and District 25 in Area 72. Other areas may be in the process of forming or accepting virtual districts, but only two are currently listed by GSO. Both of the virtual districts have seen a steady increase in the number of virtual groups joining them

*\* Excerpted from the Progress Report for the 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC*

- Contributions are 3.8% above budget ↗
- Gross literature sales are 12.6% ahead of budget ↗
- Gross margin is 34.2% greater than budget ↗
- We will not need a RF draw to pay for the General Service Conference.



- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions \$10,548,525  
(96% reforecast budget)
- 23% online
- Gross literature sales \$11,999,441  
(109% reforecast budget)
- Gross margin \$4,894,113  
(91% reforecast budget; rising cost of goods at 57.5% of gross sales)



# A.A. WORLD SERVICES INC. REPORT

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## A.A. Headquarters

- Front desk: 14,339 calls (4,395 to Member Services)
- Member Services + 4,291 direct calls
- 29,119 Unique Emails
- 30,320 Literature orders
- District/Area/Group updates (7,025 direct updates, training for registrars who executed 8,819 updates).
- Mail (40,708 in; 17,284 out)



This year we had two ad-hoc committees working:

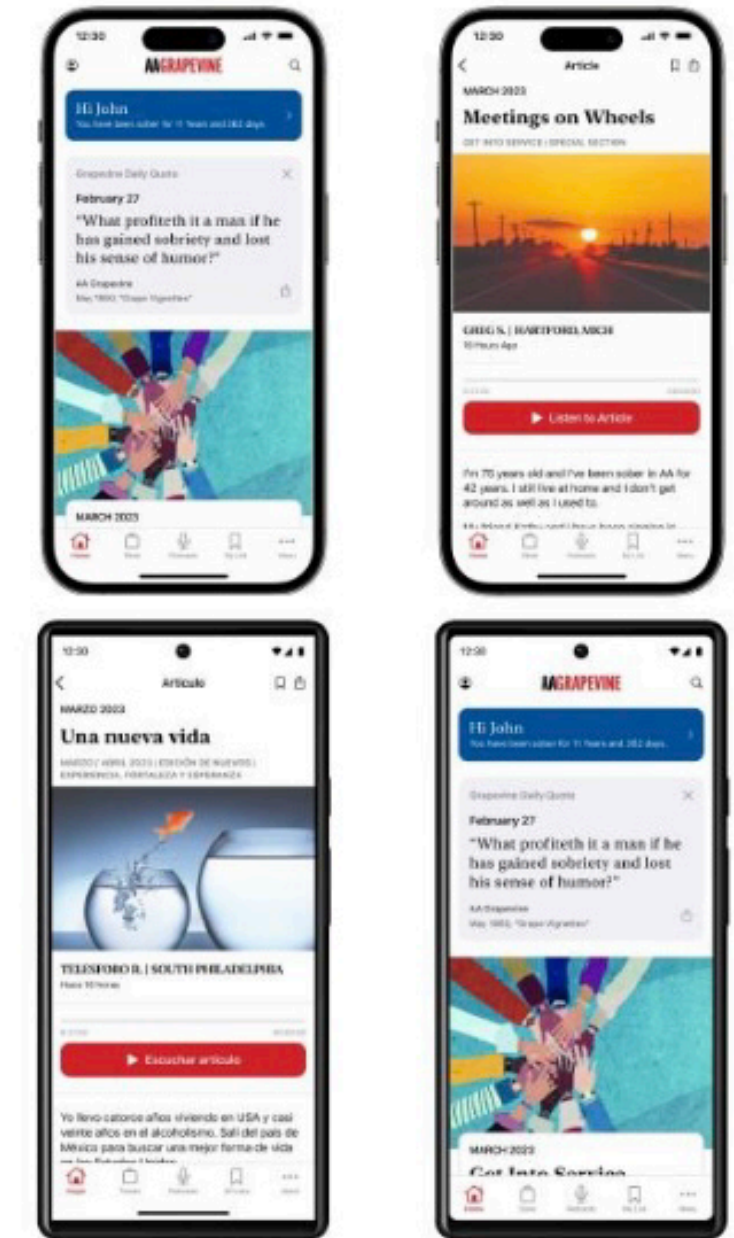
- Reviewing the process of development, revision, and approval of Service Material
- Begin review of AAWS policies and practices related to licensing and translations

Heard regular updates from Talley Management Group and reviewed contracts related to our upcoming 2025 International Convention. It is not too early to begin to get excited.

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## Grapevine and La Viña apps

- iPhone and Android
- Easy to use
- One tap access, passwords embedded
- Fun to engage with: Interactive, sharing thoughts, sharing stories, sharing info
- Personalize with sobriety date, favorite meetings, and spiritual maintenance checklist
- Exclusive content for app users
- Share your Experience, Strength and Hope on articles
- More opportunity to publish your articles
- Share articles with your group, with friends



## Keep Tradition, Enliven Digital

- Print continues as flagships for traditional subscribers to Grapevine and La Viña, Corrections, H&I, groups and for 12<sup>th</sup> Step work. The magazines are not going away!
- Invest our finances, time and resources in the infrastructure and staffing for digital delivery of content and services.



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# GRAPEVINE APP

Print remains the flagship

App would compete with other recovery apps (cost range from \$1 to \$14/month); aiming for a \$3/month price

Targeting a five-year growth plan for 104,000 users

Development aims to complete in June 2023

Beta testing in Summer 2023

Potential launch in Fall 2023





# APP-XIETY

The Grapevine App is an expensive product to create.

App developer was selected in January after four proposals were submitted.

Subscription Liability Fund: Revenue for issues not yet delivered

- \* Originally refunding unfilled subscription (\$1.8 million)
- \* Now viewed as cost of filling unfilled subscriptions
- \* Frees up \$670,488
- \* Another \$500,000 from Reserve Fund

Podcast downloads: 436,000

Meeting Guide App: Used on 627,460 Smartphones

Instagram: 11,000 followers

# 12 Ways Grapevine Helps with our daily 12th step work



**1. AA PREAMBLE** Used for meetings all over the world, it was written by an editor of the Grapevine and first appeared in the June 1947 issue.

**2. THE SERENITY PRAYER** Began appearing in early Grapevines as it moved into general AA use.

**3. THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION** Written by another Grapevine editor for the 1965 convention in Toronto, it went on to become a staple expression of AA purpose.

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**5. THE TWELVE TRADITIONS** In the early 1950s, our co-founder Bill W. hammered out our Twelve Traditions in the pages of the Grapevine.

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In 1986, The General Service Conference recognized AA Grapevine as the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

**8. A LINK WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE** If your group, district, area or country needs help or wants to know how groups operate, there are others who may have found solutions and have shared their experience in the Grapevine. See how others do it!

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**11. IT'S OUR MEETING IN PRINT** Grapevine is an ideal solution for those on the road or in the air or who cannot attend regular meetings. The magazine can be read like a meeting, starting with the Preamble, then reading the different stories and ending with the Serenity Prayer. There's even a monthly discussion question!

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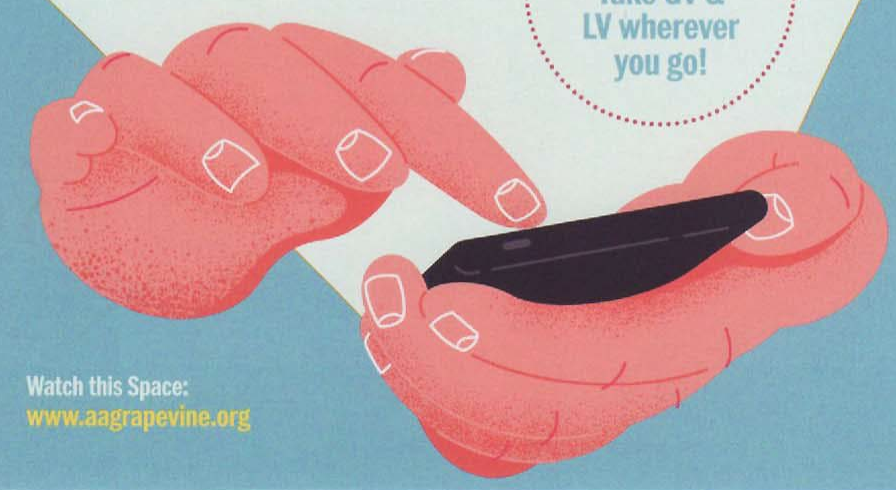


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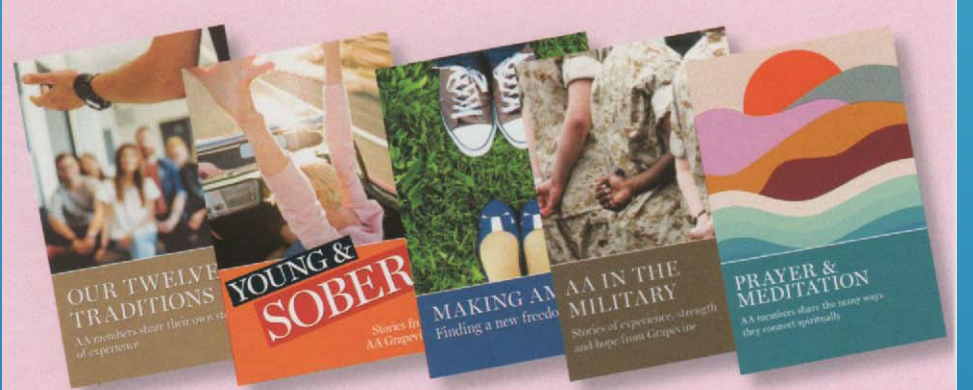
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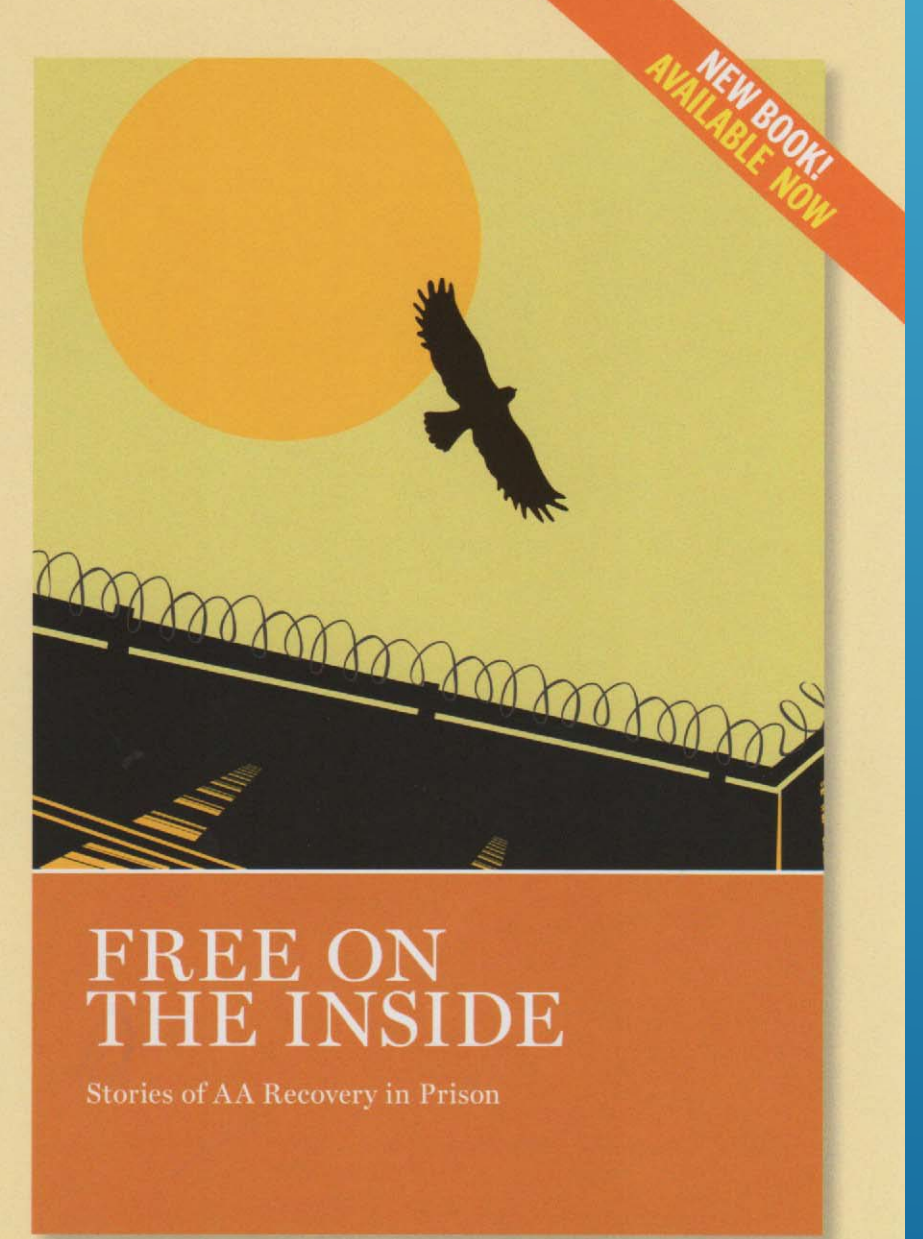


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## Organization

- Grapevine magazine strives to be self-supporting.
- All staff making editorial decisions on content are AA members.
- The bilingual team is comprised of seasoned professionals from publishing, editorial, production, digital, and creative fields.

## AA Grapevine & the General Service Conference

- AA Grapevine participates fully in the Conference with the Board of Directors, three voting staff members and a dedicated Grapevine and La Viña Conference Committee.
- 1986 – A Conference Advisory Action recognized AA Grapevine as the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.
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# Can You Speak General Service Conference?

← **Committee Recommendation-** Automatic motions that have been made and seconded. They are discussed and voted on by the Conference.

- **Conference Advisory Actions -** Recommendations of Conference Committees, or floor actions, that have been approved by the whole Conference body with substantial unanimity ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote).
- **Tabling a Motion -** Tabling a motion postpones discussion to a later time during the same Conference.
- **Motion to Recommit -** The motion to recommit returns a motion or proposal to the respective trustees' committee or

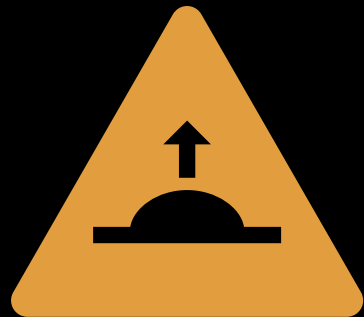
appropriate corporate board for further consideration. A motion to recommit must be seconded, is debatable and can be amended.

- **Calling the Question-** Calling the question brings debate to a halt while Conference members decide whether to proceed directly to a vote (the question) or go on with the debate.
- **Reconsideration-** A motion to reconsider a vote may be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side, but it can be seconded by anyone. If the majority votes to reconsider, full debate, pro and cons, is resumed.





**Advisory Actions** - When a recommendation, whether from a committee or through a floor action, is approved in full session with substantial unanimity it becomes an Advisory Action. At the conclusion of the Conference, the Advisory Actions are referred to the trustees and are then sent to either the appropriate trustees' committee, G.S.O., or the corporate boards for implementation.



**Suggestion** - When a recommendation, whether from a committee or floor action, is approved by a majority of the body but falls short of substantial unanimity, it is considered to be a "suggestion" referred to the General Service Board for consideration and possible action.



**Committee Considerations** – Items discussed but no action is taken and/or no recommendation made, as well as committee recommendations which are not adopted but included in a separate section of the Final Report, listed by committee.

# CONFERENCE ACTIONS

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Kurt W., Chair, Area 29 Maryland, Panel 72

Candace C., Alt-Chair, Area 18 Idaho, Panel 72

Sheila D., Area 66 Northwest Texas, Panel 72

Cara G., Area 41 Nebraska, Panel 72

Jennifer S., Area 26 Kentucky, Panel 72

Tim H., Area 54, Northeast Ohio, Panel 73

Eric L., Area 6, Northern Coastal CA, Panel 73\*

Gerry W., Area 82, Nova Scotia/NL, Panel 73\*\*

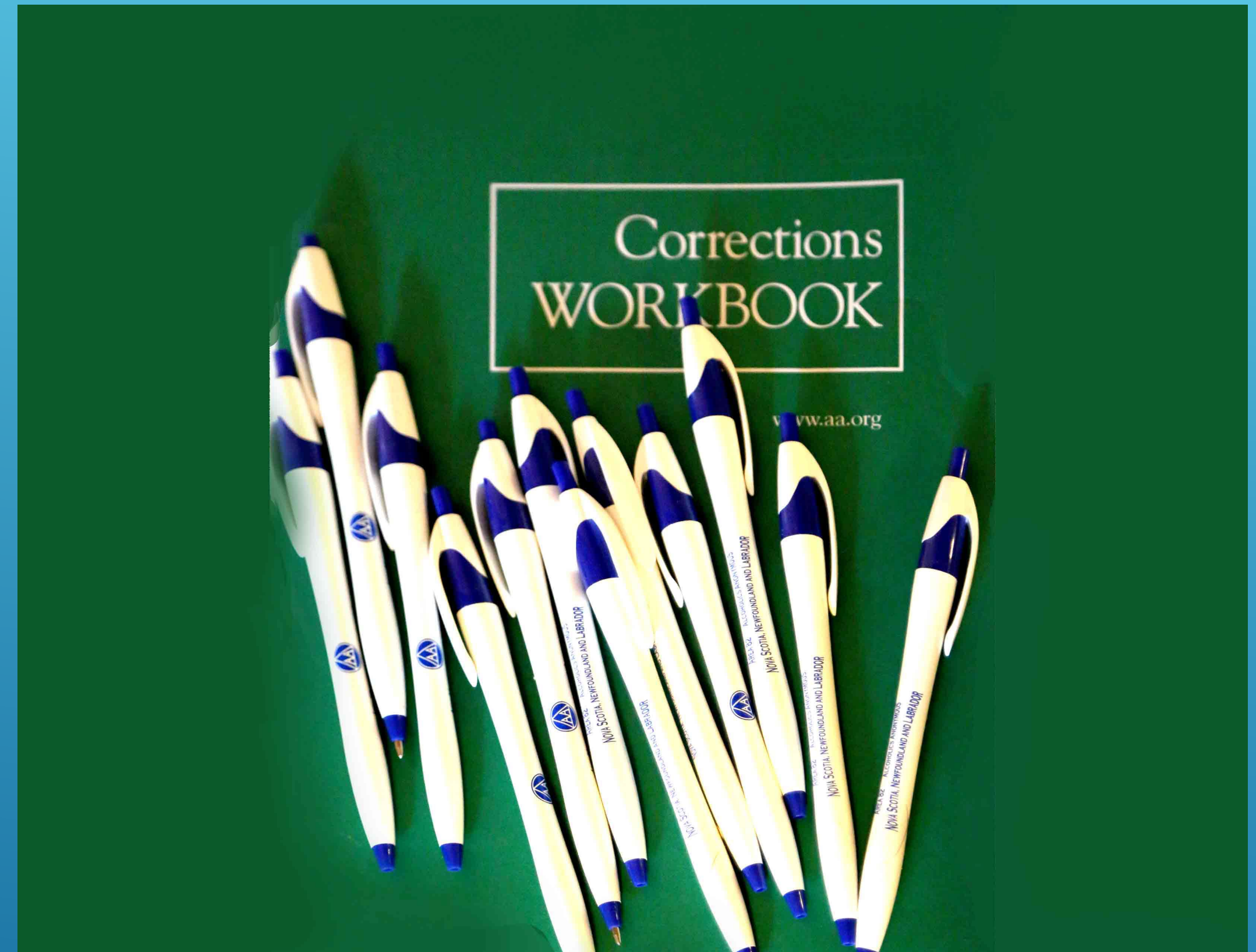
Eileen A., Secretary, Staff Member

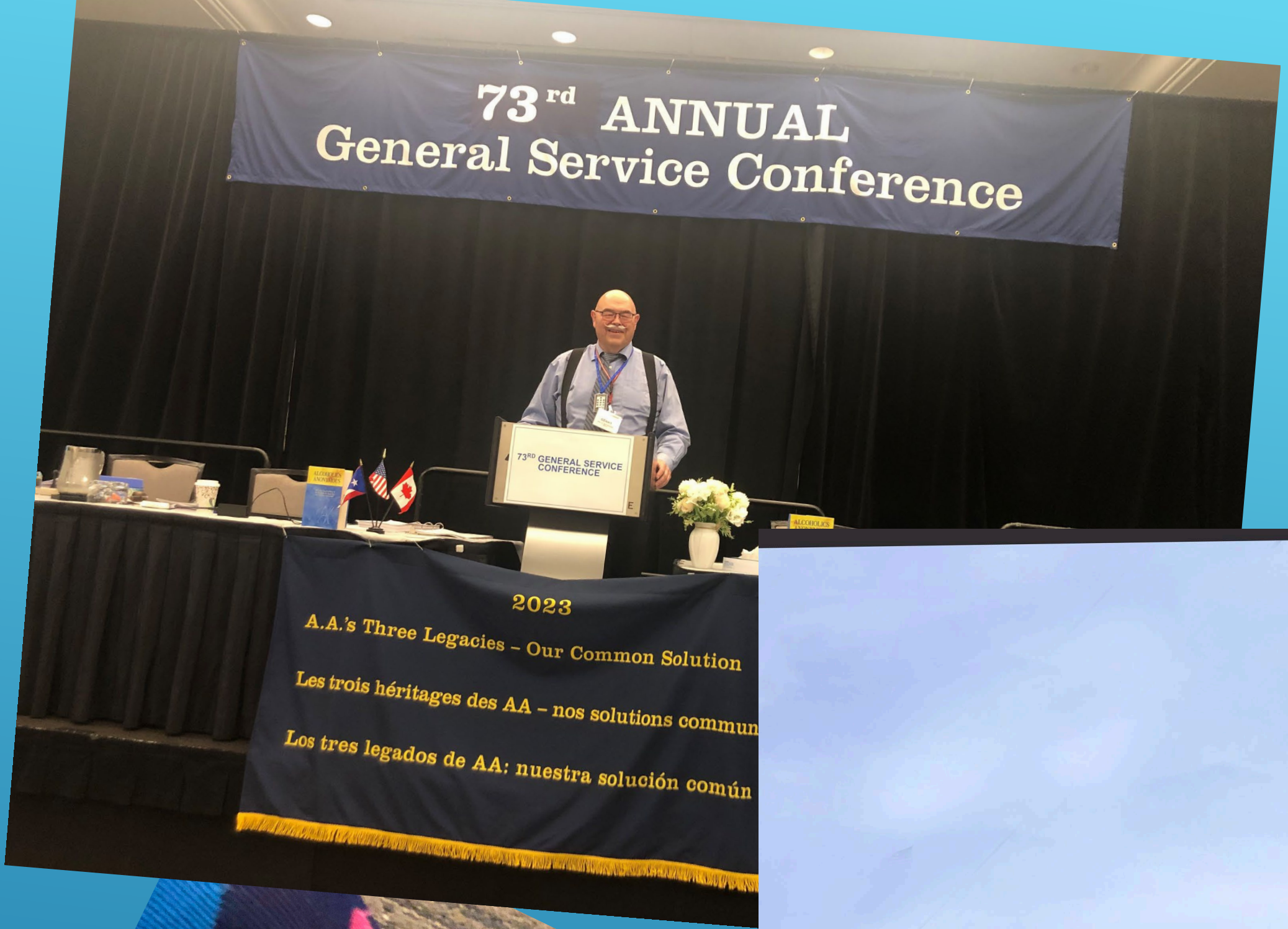
# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

The Conference Committee on Corrections met separately two times following the two Joint Meetings with the trustees' Corrections Committee on April 4, 2023 (virtual) and April 23, 2023.

April 24, 2023, 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

April 25, 2023, 9 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.





# CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS



Nightly Evaluations of  
each day's activities.



ONE EVENING WE FOLLOWED OUR EASTERN CANADA REGIONAL TRUSTEE JOYCE S TO THE WORLD FAMOUS JUNIORS RESTAURANT FOR ICE CREAM. THE ICE CREAM WAS GOOD, BUT I GOT TO MEET AND TALK WITH LEONARD BLUMENTHAL ONE OF OUR CLASS A TRUSTEES EMERITUS FROM ALBERTA.

# TRUSTEE AT LARGE FOR CANADA

- ▶ The Canadian Delegates voted for our new Trustee at Large for Canada.
- ▶ After 5 rounds using the DOTS system....it went to the hat and Robert LaL from Area 89 was elected.
- ▶ Congratulations Robert I'm looking forward to working with you



# RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVISORY ACTIONS



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA

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

The committee recommended the following theme for the 2024 General Service Conference: “Connecting with Love, Unity and Service.”

PASSED 128-1

B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference.

The committee recommended the following presentation theme and topics for the 2024 General Service Conference:  
Presentation Theme: “Responsibility in Service: When and How to Give”

PASSED 126-3

Presentation Topics:

1. “Safety throughout the Structure in our Fellowship”
2. “1728 Sponsorship”
3. “Overcoming the Barriers to Participation”

C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference.

The committee recommended the following workshop topic for the 2024 General Service Conference:  
“Connecting Home Groups to the Conference Throughout the Year, to Better Inform the Group’s Conscience.”

PASSED 125-2

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA

D. Consider request to suspend reading the Area Highlights from the 73rd General Service Conference and include in the 2023 Conference *Final Report*, to allow discussion.

The Conference committee on Agenda recommended that the reading of the Area Highlights from the 73rd General Service Conference be suspended and included in the 2023 Conference *Final Report*, to allow discussion of the following topics:

- Are the decisions of the General Service Board producing Unity within the Fellowship and inspiring confidence in the Board's future functions?
- The General Service Board Code of Conduct
- Is the prudent reserve being used as the Conference intends?

**Note:** The Conference Committee on Agenda caucused during the opening session of the General Service Conference to consider this motion from the floor regarding changing the Conference week schedule. **The motion failed.**

E. Review a report and draft plan for a future Conference Inventory:

The committee recommended that the General Service Conference conduct a thorough inventory of itself during the 2025 General Service Conference and that a Conference Planning Committee be established by the General Service Board to develop a comprehensive inventory plan, timeline and cost estimate, to bring forward to the 2024 Conference Committee on Agenda for consideration.

**MOTION TO RECOMMIT 27-104; PASSED 99-32**

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CPC

- A. Review suggested revisions for the final draft pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community.”  
The committee recommended that the pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community” be approved with minor editorial changes

**PASSED 128-3**

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

A. Review Conference Committee Composition, Scope and Procedure.

The committee recommended that item #5. in the Procedures of the Conference Committee on Corrections which currently reads:

“To maintain correspondence with committee secretary and other committee members during the year,”

Be revised, to read:

“To maintain communication with committee secretary and other committee members during the year.”

**PASSED 130-1**

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

The committee recommended that the following section be added to the pamphlet “A.A. in Correctional Facilities” on page 12 between the sections titled “Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) – a special kind of A.A. service” and “The following-through – released A.A. persons in custody”:

## Sponsorship

**Like all A.A. members, persons in custody can benefit from sponsorship. For more information, please refer to the Corrections Kit and Workbook or contact your local Corrections committee.**

**PASSED 127-4**

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- A. Consider requests that materials produced and maintained by A.A. World Services, AA Grapevine, La Viña, and General Service Office (GSO), clarify that the General Service Board (GSB) is the entity which receives all voluntary A.A. contributions and that GSO performs contribution processing.

The committee recommended that the 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 is the entity which receives all voluntary A.A. contributions and that GSO performs contribution processing. Any text changes should be implemented when each item comes up for reprint or revision.

**PASSED 121-3**

- B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.

The committee recommended that the suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference be increased from \$1,800 to \$2,200.

**PASSED 123-4**

The committee recommended that the Trustees Finance & Budgetary Committee develop additional ways to report quarterly the fiscal performance of the AAWS, GSB and GV Boards throughout the year to the members of the General Service Conference for the purposes of transparency and assisting in the reporting to the A.A. Fellowship.

**PASSED 126-4**

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON GRAPEVINE / LA VINA

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

Note: As a result of the 2022-23 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, this item was moved to the Committee on AA Grapevine and La Viña from the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.

The committee recommended that alternate delegates be provided access to the same Conference materials as their sitting delegates, except for materials shared during Conference week.

**PASSED 97-33 RECONSIDER 65-62; FAILED 80-49**

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

- A. Review revised draft of the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

The committee recommended that the revised draft of the existing version of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” be approved.

PASSED 122-6

- B. Discuss request to revise the pamphlet “Too Young.”

The committee recommended that the print version of the pamphlet “Too Young” be retired and that the content be repurposed as an animation video at an estimated cost no higher than \$70,000. The committee requested that a progress report or a rough cut of the video be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature.

AMENDMENT: APPRX COST OF \$70K: FAILED 56-75

PASSED 104-26

- C. Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.’s Three Legacies.

The committee recommended that the work on the draft pamphlet based on A.A.’s Three Legacies be ceased. The committee noted that the material gathered would be most useful as service material.

PASSED 109-14

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

- A. Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the GSC between meetings.

The committee recommended that the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings Using Virtual Technology” be approved as amended below:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STRIKE ASK ALT TO ATTEND

Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings Using Virtual Technology

AMENDMENT FAILED 80-44; AMENDMENT FAILED 76-54; MOTION TO RECOMMIT 40-91; PASSED 92-36

- Videoconference Meeting
- Meeting Time and Date: With as much notice as possible, and the fewest possible conflicts, the Conference Coordinator sets up a videoconference call in Eastern Time, keeping in mind that circumstances involving great emergencies may have their own deadlines.
- Quorum and Abstentions: The Current Conference Charter states that for Conference business, “A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of all the Conference members registered.” To determine a quorum for polling between Conferences, abstentions *will* be counted. Abstentions *will not* be counted in the vote totals. The responsibility to vote is incumbent on each Conference member. Alternate delegates should be invited by the sitting delegate if the delegate cannot attend. The Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions will plan to meet virtually, prior to the General Service Conference, to accept admissions.
- Notifications about the Poll: Notice of the poll determination will be emailed to all Conference members. To help guarantee the availability of each Conference member to participate, anyone whose email bounces back will be contacted by telephone.

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 as well as determine what issues currently facing the Fellowship would be chosen as topics.

ADD AND WITH INPUT FROM THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND TRUSTEES COMMITTEE ON THE GSC  
STRIKE TRUST, AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE FELLOWSHIP

AMENDMENT FAILED 85-44; AMENDMENT FAILED 38-89

PASSED 118-12



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

## A. Review report on 2022 A.A. Membership Survey Results Reporting.

The committee recommended that the Membership Survey pamphlet be updated to reflect the findings from the 2022 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey, with minor editorial changes.

PASSED 120-9

## B. Review report on analytics.

The committee recommended that the AAWS Board prepare sufficient periodic analytics reporting on our current communications platforms to be provided to the trustees' Public Information Committee and the Conference Committee on Public Information.

PASSED 127 - 3

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON REPORT AND CHARTER

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

The committee recommended that The A.A. Service Manual not be printed in 2023 and that a new edition be published biennially, beginning in 2024.

**PASSED 125-5**

The committee recommended that a full rewrite be conducted of chapters 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 to correct inaccuracies and to better clarify the roles, responsibilities and relationships between the General Service Office, AA Grapevine, and A.A. World Services, Inc. in The A.A. Service Manual and that the trustees' Literature Committee forward these draft sections or a progress report to the 2024 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.

**PASSED 118-10; RECONSIDER 50-80**

B. Consider posting an anonymity-protected Conference Final Report on aa.org.

The committee recommended that anonymity-protected Conference Final Reports be posted annually on aa.org beginning with the 2023 General Service Conference.

**PASSED 114-16**

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

- A. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic—Never too Late.”

The committee recommended that the revised pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic—Never too Late” be approved with minor edits in a format that does not require folding.

PASSED 120-9

- B. Review progress report on Military audio interviews.

The committee recommended that the 22 interviews recorded to date as part of the Military Audio project be approved, giving the General Service Office (GSO) the latitude to distribute the audio interviews in various formats and on various platforms, and that an update report be provided to the 2024 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

PASSED 118-0

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

- A. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on April 29, 2023, following presentation at the 2023 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

**PASSED 107-25**

The committee recommended that the following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on April 29, 2023, following presentation at the 2023 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

**PASSED 103-28**

- A. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc. The committee recommended that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board on April 29, 2023, following presentation at the 2023 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

**PASSED 107-23**

- A. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on April 29, 2023, following presentation at the 2023 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

**PASSED 114-19**

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES

No Recommendations. Committee Considerations only, which will be covered at the upcoming extended Area 82 virtual Workshop on this report.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL FORUMS

A. Selection of cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2035.

The committee recommended that the following three cities, expressed here in alphabetical order, be considered as possible sites for the International Convention in 2035:

Phoenix, Arizona

Indianapolis, Indiana

New Orleans, Louisiana

PASSED 130-1

B. Inviting up to 21 non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2025 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

The committee recommended that up to 21 non-A.A. speakers be invited to attend the 2025 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

PASSED 127-4

# ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA

· The committee discussed a request for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions and encouraged Communication Services to continue with planning for the account. The committee suggested that Communication Services provide additional information on the intended messaging, target audiences, analytics, and total cost to maintain the account. The committee requested that a new proposed plan be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

The committee offered the following suggestions for the next iteration of the proposed plan:

Ø Posting *Daily Reflections*, “What’s New” from GSO, and press releases, are duplicative to what we share on our A.A. website and Meeting Guide app news. The committee requested a detailed strategy on the target audiences for internal versus external messaging to be communicated within a potential future Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Instagram account.

Ø Including more information in the proposed plan, specifying how distinct messaging and target audience of a potential Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Instagram account differs from the existing AA Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.

Ø Providing information on the total expense including the staff expense for managing the account.

Ø Including a section defining the key performance indicators that will indicate the channel is successful in carrying the message to members and potential members.

Ø Capturing the need for a social media management platform, like Hootsuite, in the proposed plan.

Ø Perform ongoing evaluations of our communications channels to meet members and alcoholics on the platforms they utilize.

Ø Developing a policy with defined criteria that would allow AAWS to explore and implement new external platforms as technology changes.

· The committee discussed research on the feasibility research of paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms. The committee noted that paid placement is an important new addition for airing and tracking our already produced, relevant and useful PSAs on streaming platforms. The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider several vendors and develop a plan detailing target audiences, analytics, and cost for how we would begin to use such streaming platform channels in the U.S./Canada Service Structure and that a report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CPC

- The committee considered a request to retire the pamphlet “A Member’s Eye View” and took no action. The committee agreed that some members consider the pamphlet a useful tool for carrying the A.A. message. However, the committee expressed support for removing the pamphlet from Cooperation with the Professional Community materials as it may appear outdated and less effective for providing information about A.A. to the professional community.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on the LinkedIn page and received a verbal update from the Communication Services Department. The committee noted the improvement in the consistent cadence of posting and expressed their appreciation for the strategic planning and thoughtfulness which goes into posting to the LinkedIn page. The committee commended the sustained activity and strategy, mindful of A.A. Tradition, to ensure consistency and the best possible results with a continued focus on content for the professional community. The committee looks forward to receiving a progress report submitted to the 2024 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of an outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals and expressed their appreciation for the work completed to date. The committee supports the continued efforts to interview additional mental health professionals with a focus on professionals who are not A.A. members. The committee suggested a theme and direction to move forward, and that interviews seek to identify the myths and misconceptions that could prevent a clear understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous. Additionally, the committee suggested the trustees’ CPC/TA Committee consider other vehicles of communication beyond a pamphlet to make the message more relevant for current mental health professionals. The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- The committee reviewed the content and format of the CPC Kit and Workbook and noted the updates that were suggested by the 2022 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. The committee provided several minor suggestions for updates to be included in the next printing.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

- The committee suggested that the assignment of new delegates to the Conference Committee on Corrections be balanced to allow for a more even rotation of panels.
- The committee suggested that AA Grapevine consider including shared experience on sponsoring persons in custody in the July prison issue and future issues.
- **The committee agreed to forward to the trustees' Committee on Literature a suggestion to consider inclusion of language related to sponsorship of persons in custody in the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship."**
- The committee reviewed the Corrections Kit and Workbook. The committee noted that extensive changes were made to the workbook over the last two years. The committee provided a brief list of suggested changes to be considered at the next reprint.
- The committee acknowledged the work completed by the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Service Material ad hoc committee and expressed support for the recommendations put forth by the committee.

Note: As a result of the 2022-2023 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the following item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

- The committee discussed the 2021 and 2022 versions of the service piece "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" and concluded that the service piece is a necessary and useful tool for A.A. groups. The committee suggested revisions to be considered for inclusion in the next printing of the service piece.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The committee reviewed the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual Bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members and took no action. The committee feels the level was doubled in 2019 and is still appropriate as is. The committee also felt that the current limit captures the spiritual elements embodied in our principles reminding us that modest personal contributions align with the concept of personal anonymity.

- The committee reviewed the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member and took no action. The committee felt that the current limit was satisfactory and captures the spiritual elements embodied in our principles reminding us that modest personal contributions align with the concept of personal anonymity.
- The committee reviewed the Self-Support Packet and approved the changes requested by the 2022 Conference Committee on Finance. The committee also noted that the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” will be updated to clarify that the General Service Board is the entity which receives all voluntary A.A. contributions and that the General Service Office performs contribution processing.
- The committee discussed the change of the Grapevine Subscription Liability in the Reserve Fund. The committee requests that the Finance Department clearly identify in all reporting to the Fellowship the portion of the Reserve Fund that is represented by the Grapevine Subscription Liability along with an explanation of the breakdown.
- The committee requests that to better align with the duties described in the Service Manual for the Conference Finance Committee, they receive the monthly AAWS/GSB consolidated financial statements along with an executive summary from the Chief Financial Officer.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- The committee considered a request to discuss proposed agenda items related to changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. The committee suggested that the Trustees' Literature Committee seek input from the Fellowship (including but not limited to Area delegate feedback) regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders. The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Finance. (Mindful of budgetary restraints, the committee suggests financial prudence when determining how best to obtain Fellowship sharing.)

Questions to be considered might include:

- Should suggested revisions be subjected to a 2-year Conference review process.
- Should any future suggested changes retain the original writing with footnotes for text being updated or should founder's writings remain unchanged?
- Should there be a threshold for review (group, district, area)?
- Should the changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions by 2021 General Service Conference remain?
- Should a new policy regarding Bill W.'s writing be created as a guide to future changes?

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON GV / LV

- The committee reviewed the AA Grapevine Workbook and provided some editorial suggestions and ways to access the workbook more easily.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts and provided some suggestions.
- The committee agreed to forward to the AA Grapevine Board the suggestion that AA Grapevine, Inc. produce in the year 2024 or later:
  1. *Grapevine Cartoons & Jokes III* (working title) (GV book) Original members' cartoons, jokes, and humor of the past few years, previously published in Grapevine.
  2. *Emotional Sobriety III* (working title) (GV book) Members share how they have changed after years of being in the A.A. program and how they have found peace and serenity in sobriety. Stories previously published in Grapevine.
  3. *Veteranos Hispanos en AA* (Voices of Oldtimers) (working title) (La Viña book) Members who have been in A.A. a long time share their experience, strength, and hope. Stories previously published in La Viña.
  4. *Cómo llegamos a creer* (How We Came to Believe) (working title) (La Viña book) A.A. members share stories about their own personal journey with Step Two, how they found their Higher Power and what helped them. Stories previously published in La Viña.
  5. *Spiritual Awakenings* (La Viña book) (GV book translated into Spanish) A.A. members share stories about their journey with Step Two and connecting with a Higher Power.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

- The committee reviewed minor graphic and editorial updates that improve the final appearance and clarity of the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” which was approved by the 2022 General Service Conference.
- The committee reviewed a draft of the Literature Committee workbook. The committee made minor editorial suggestions and looks forward to the new Literature Committee workbook being made available.
- The committee reviewed a draft pamphlet based on A.A.’s Three Legacies and requested that the material gathered for the draft pamphlet be made available to the Fellowship as service material. The committee suggested that the service material be included in the General Service Representative (GSR) and District Committee Member (DCM) service kits.
- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language and agreed with the general direction of the project. The committee requested that the project continue to move forward and that a draft or progress report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

- The committee reviewed a progress report on the update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.” The committee noted the progress made on the development of the pamphlet and requested that a draft or a progress report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature.

The committee noted with appreciation the efforts made by the trustees’ Literature committee to ensure that the members of the working group that participated on the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic” represented the community reflected in the pamphlet. The committee suggested that the 2018 report “Reaching Out to African American Alcoholics” be provided as a possible resource for future projects involving carrying the message to other communities.

- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* (Spanish). The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature.

- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the update of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.” The committee discussed efforts to distribute the call for stories to the widest possible native North American population in the U.S. and Canada. The committee requested that a draft or progress report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature.

The committee noted with appreciation the efforts made by the trustees’ Literature committee to ensure that the members of the working group that participated on the pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American” represented the community reflected in the pamphlet.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

- The committee reviewed a progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee discussed new proposed agenda items (PAI's) related to the plain language Big Book translation and took no action. The committee acknowledged the concerns of members, groups and areas in the Fellowship regarding the oversight of the process of a translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth edition) into plain and simple language. The committee noted that these concerns will be addressed at a special section during the 2023 General Service.
- The committee discussed an update on the adaptation of the video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" published by the General Service Board of A.A. Great Britain. The committee acknowledged that the project of adapting the video for use in the U.S./Canada structure is pending for budgetary reasons. The committee looks forward to a report on the status of this project being brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee discussed a proposal for Big Book or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* study guides and took no action. The committee suggested that currently approved projects be completed before considering new materials.
- The committee reviewed the 2023 matrix of A.A. recovery literature. The committee agreed to continue to provide suggestions regarding the usefulness and purpose of the AA recovery literature. The committee looks forward to reviewing the matrix at their meeting during the 2024 General Service Conference.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

The committee reviewed the dates for the 2027 General Service Conference. In order to provide additional flexibility to the General Service Office management in contracting the most cost-effective and appropriate venues for the General Service Conference, the committee agreed to select three proposed dates for the 77th General Service Conference, as follows (in order of preference): May 2-8, 2027; April 11-17, 2027; May 23-29, 2027. The committee noted that these proposed Conference dates are the best choices available for avoiding conflicts with significant holidays. The committee asked that all Conference members be notified of the final dates for the 77th General Service Conference as soon as they are finalized by GSO management.

The committee reviewed the GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection. The committee appreciated the detailed analysis of the costs and logistics of holding the Conference at sample facilities in four of the eight regions. The committee is not requesting a site selection report from the General Manager in 2024, recognizing that contracts have been executed with hotels in the New York area for 2024, 2025, and 2026, and that site selection for the 2027 General Service Conference could be impacted by the results of the Location Plus Committee and possible relocation of the General Service Office. The committee is requesting that the trustees' General Service Conference Committee conduct a survey of current General Service Conference members regarding the spiritual implications of holding the Conference outside the New York area. An additional option to explore in the survey could be alternating between holding the Conference in the New York area and the Akron/Cleveland area. The committee looks forward to reviewing the survey results or a progress report at the 74th General Service Conference.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

The committee reviewed the “Report of the GSB Ad Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure” and expressed appreciation for the report, particularly the results of the survey to delegates. The committee agreed that an important next step would be for delegates to find out more about the online groups in their areas and requested that the ad-hoc committee provide them with sample questions they may use in that inquiry. The committee looks forward to the next iteration of the ad hoc committee and the continued exploration of the possibilities for the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada general service structure.

The committee reviewed the progress report from the 2023 Subcommittee on the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) regarding year two of the three-year pilot. The committee appreciated the improvements made to the joint meetings and the simplification of forms and processes. The committee requested that the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee (TGSCC) explore all possibilities for extending the deadline for submitting Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) to allow areas more time to consider items at their Fall assemblies. The committee also requested that TGSCC conduct a survey of delegates to find out the effect EDW has had upon their areas, especially related to the submission deadline and the engagement of members and groups in the group conscience process. Finally, the committee requested that TGSCC consider creating a simple video or other communication that would reinforce the idea that PAIs can be submitted year-round, as well as help the Fellowship better understand the role of PAIs as a document to reflect the outcome of a group conscience rather than a petition or suggestion box.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND ADMISSIONS

The committee reviewed the “Report of the GSB Ad Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure” and expressed appreciation for the report, particularly the results of the survey to delegates. The committee agreed that an important next step would be for delegates to find out more about the online groups in their areas and requested that the ad-hoc committee provide them with sample questions they may use in that inquiry. The committee looks forward to the next iteration of the ad hoc committee and the continued exploration of the possibilities for the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada general service structure.

- The committee reviewed the progress report from the 2023 Subcommittee on the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) regarding year two of the three-year pilot. The committee appreciated the improvements made to the joint meetings and the simplification of forms and processes. The committee requested that the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee (TGSCC) explore all possibilities for extending the deadline for submitting Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) to allow areas more time to consider items at their Fall assemblies. The committee also requested that TGSCC conduct a survey of delegates to find out the effect EDW has had upon their areas, especially related to the submission deadline and the engagement of members and groups in the group conscience process. Finally, the committee requested that TGSCC consider creating a simple video or other communication that would reinforce the idea that PAIs can be submitted year-round, as well as help the Fellowship better understand the role of PAIs as a document to reflect the outcome of a group conscience rather than a petition or suggestion box.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

· The committee discussed a request for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions and encouraged Communication Services to continue with planning for the account. The committee suggested that Communication Services provide additional information on the intended messaging, target audiences, analytics, and total cost to maintain the account. The committee requested that a new proposed plan be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

The committee offered the following suggestions for the next iteration of the proposed plan:

Posting *Daily Reflections*, “What’s New” from GSO, and press releases, are duplicative to what we share on our A.A. website and Meeting Guide app news. The committee requested a detailed strategy on the target audiences for internal versus external messaging to be communicated within a potential future Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Instagram account.

Including more information in the proposed plan, specifying how distinct messaging and target audience of a potential Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Instagram account differs from the existing AA Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.

Providing information on the total expense including the staff expense for managing the account.

Including a section defining the key performance indicators that will indicate the channel is successful in carrying the message to members and potential members.

Capturing the need for a social media management platform, like Hootsuite, in the proposed plan.

Perform ongoing evaluations of our communications channels to meet members and alcoholics on the platforms they utilize.

Developing a policy with defined criteria that would allow AAWS to explore and implement new external platforms as technology changes.

· The committee discussed research on the feasibility research of paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms. The committee noted that paid placement is an important new addition for airing and tracking our already produced, relevant and useful PSAs on streaming platforms. The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee consider several vendors and develop a plan detailing target audiences, analytics, and cost for how we would begin to use such streaming platform channels in the U.S./Canada Service Structure and that a report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

The committee reviewed the report on the 2022 A.A. Membership Survey process and offered the following suggestions for improvement for future surveys.

Provide the survey method process, including the timeframes and actions that delegates will need to perform, to the Conference Committee on Public Information each year that a triennial membership survey is requested to be considered.

Encourage all the delegates who participated in this 2022 A.A. Membership Survey to complete the process evaluation to inform process improvements as needed.

Design a pilot study to complete two surveys using convenience sampling, which focuses on gaining information from participants (the sample) who are “convenient” to access. These samples could be collected using the A.A. website, and the A.A. Meeting Guide App, and the same questions as the 2022 A.A. Membership Survey.

The goal is to examine any potential differences in data patterns across the three different collection methodologies, the traditional A.A. survey process and the two channels listed above. Ideally, collection of this type of data would follow the collection of the traditional A.A. membership survey data within 1-2 years from 2022, so that no portion becomes dated. The committee requested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee design a pilot study and that it be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

The committee reviewed the report titled, The 2022 A.A. Membership Survey Results Reporting and agreed with the development of a dynamic A.A. web page to disseminate the complete results of the 2022 A.A. Membership Survey. The committee appreciates that each infographic developed to reflect the survey results is designed to be a part of a library of results and will be made available for use by A.A. members, the professional community, and the media. The committee liked the concept that local A.A. members and service committees will be able to share direct experience with GSO regarding how they are using these tools, via the A.A. web page “how are you using this information?”.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

· The committee reviewed the progress report on the 2022 Young People's Video project. The committee expressed support for the vision and architecture of the ongoing project to obtain user generated content. The committee reviewed two submitted videos and is requesting that the trustees' Public Information Committee review the project's process, A.A. website webpages, project flyers and the technical requirements to ensure that we are communicating appropriate information to obtain the desired user generated content. The committee offered the following suggestions to consider and requested a progress report to be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Expand the submission timeframe to include fifteen second minimum up to three minute maximum for videos submitted by members.

Clarify that we are seeking user generated content video submissions from young members creatively carrying a message to other young people. Focus is requested to be on the experience of getting sober young and reflect the diversity of the Fellowship. The committee is seeking shared experiences that will relate to the "young" alcoholic who has yet to come to A.A.

Review of the two submissions to determine if we can make additional edits to tighten the message in the framework of what it was like, what happened and what it is like now focusing on the key messages that have an impact and identification.

Provide communication to all delegates with the goal of producing excitement and engagement for the Young People's Video project for the members in their local areas.

· The committee reviewed and accepted the 2023 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan (CMP). The committee expressed continued support for the vision and architecture of this version of the CMP. The committee shared that the plan provides a great framework and guardrails that capture the public information work, messaging, and channels GSO and AA Grapevine are using to make the Fellowship, general public, media, and professionals aware of the relevance of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The committee offered the following suggestions for the next iteration of the CMP to be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Consider the creation of a section on how projects requesting user generated content, such as the Young People's Video Project, fit into our Comprehensive Media Plan and messaging for Alcoholics Anonymous.

· The committee reviewed the progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media. The committee requested that trustees' Public Information Committee and staff secretary focus on developing and administrating a survey, to all age demographics, particularly a young population with the goal of obtaining results that will inform decisions on any future new form of communication. The committee looks forward to a progress report to be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

- The committee reviewed and accepted a progress report on revision to the flyer “A.A. at a Glance” and looks forward to a progress report or draft flyer to be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- The committee reviewed and accepted a progress report on revision to the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings” and looks forward to a progress report or draft pamphlet to be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- The committee reviewed and accepted a progress report on revision to the flyer “A Message to Teenagers.” The committee provided support for the fact that there is a need for a flyer or format that can be handed off to professionals or young people in hard copy and would like it to include a QR code, if possible. The committee looks forward to a progress report or draft work to be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.

- The committee reviewed and accepted the final distribution and tracking information for the video PSAs:

1. Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall
2. Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking is no longer a Party.

The final one-year campaign results for the U.S. were 125,192 airings, 615,956,841 impressions and \$34,506,580 in media value. The final Canadian results for the campaign were 11,485 airings.

The committee noted these results are an excellent return for the self-support contributions spent to produce these two PSAs. The committee requested a “call to action” be provided to all delegates with the goal of producing excitement and engagement for how the local public information service committees can increase the airings and ongoing usage of our relevant PSAs.

- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2024 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.” Discussion included that PSAs are conversation starters about A.A. or how to get help with a problem with alcohol for people who view them. The committee found the current Conference-approved PSAs to be relevant and useful. The committee is excited to learn we are finalizing a one-year contract with a no cost channel called Mesmerize Point, to distribute PSAs on digital TV screens in doctor offices, private pharmacies, and community-based organizations with our relevant messaging made available to viewers. The committee looks forward to a Mesmerize Point progress report being brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information. The committee did not see the need at this time for a new video PSA.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

- The committee reviewed and accepted a progress report for the GSO podcast development. The committee noted the planning, development, and production of episodes on many service-related discussion topics. The committee reiterated that the planned topic focus will help avoid competing with the Grapevine Podcast. The committee appreciated that the plan is to produce up to eight episodes to introduce a recognizable, consistent, and enthusiastic voice for the GSO podcast. The committee agreed, before the launch, it is important to “bank” these initial episodes for the initial rollout to ensure a regular cadence. The committee noted it would be good to use relevant archival recordings in the podcast, as applicable to an episode. The committee looks forward to a progress report to be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the trustees’ PI Committee report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account. The committee offered the following suggestions and looks forward to a report to be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information.
  - The committee noted that stagnant growth of the channel and requested the trustees’ PI Committee to consider ways to encourage members to use the channel as a public information tool.
  - The committee requested consideration of the use of hashtags for the channel.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the Communications Services report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide. The committee looks forward to a report to be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Public Information. The committee suggested that the Meeting Guide keep its focus on providing information on locating A.A. meetings.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 annual reports from the trustees’ Public Information Committee regarding aa.org. The committee finds the website is easy to navigate and user-friendly. The committee suggested that GSO continue to improve our website search functionality.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 trustees' Public Information Committee report on Online Business Profiles. The committee suggested care be taken to ensure the GSO response messages avoid sounding canned. The committee looks forward to a report to be brought to the 2024 Conference.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 annual report "AAGV/La Viña Website, Marketing and Podcast" regarding aagrapevine.org. The committee noted that the current host style and delivery could limit attraction to the podcast by all members, potential members, or professionals and to consider the fully intended audience regarding diversity, attraction, and belonging.
- The committee discussed the content and format of the P.I. Kit and Workbook. The committee noted the contents of the kit are useful to local Public Information Committees. The committee provided the staff secretary with suggested updates to the P.I. Workbook.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON REPORT AND CHARTER

- The committee noted that some sections of *The A.A. Service Manual* need more detailed review of language clarity by the General Service Board and affiliate boards before being revised. The committee asked that the Publishing Department “short order” supply of the current *A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service, 2021-2023 Edition* to ensure sufficient inventory until a proposed 2024 printing.
- The committee accepted a report from the Publishing Department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of the proposed *A.A. Service Manual, 2023-2025 Edition* and the 2023 General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- The committee reviewed a list of editorial updates from the Publishing Department for *The A.A. Service Manual* and accepted the updates.

In keeping with the 2018 Advisory Action that the General Service Board, the AAWS Board and the AA Grapevine Board biennially review *The A.A. Service Manual* and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, the committee reviewed the current updates from the AAWS Board and the AA Grapevine Board. The committee noted the importance that the Conference Committee on Report and Charter receive any proposed edits in a timely window prior to Conference to give thoughtful review of any proposed edits.

The committee provided suggestions regarding *The A.A. Service Manual* to be forwarded to the three boards, GSO, and the Grapevine Office.

- The committee considered a request for specific changes to the 2021-2023 version of *The A.A. Service Manual*, and suggested that the requests be considered in the 2024 review of the updated manual.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

- The committee discussed the suggestion that an Accessibility Inventory be conducted throughout A.A.'s services and structure and suggested that the trustees' CPC/TA Committee take an inventory of what resources are currently available from the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine to meet accessibility related challenges and consider the best methods for communicating about those resources to the Fellowship.
- The committee discussed carrying the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities, and suggested that:
  - The trustees' CPC/TA Committee review accessibility-related service material and consider updating it with new shared experience on this topic.
  - The AA Grapevine consider publishing an issue dedicated to the experiences of people with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities and those who sponsor them.
  - The committee requested that the trustees' Literature Committee consider revising the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to add language on working with alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities.
- The committee discussed the progress report on a proposed Bridging the Gap workbook. The committee noted that information on Bridging the Gap and other contact programs already exists in the Treatment and Corrections Workbooks and suggested instead that sharing be collected from the Fellowship and combined with existing resources to develop A.A. Guidelines on Bridging the Gap.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on the pamphlet "Bridging the Gap" (P-49). The committee appreciated the work that has been completed on the updated draft pamphlet for A.A. members and suggested additional revisions. The committee also agreed that the distinction between Treatment and Corrections activities be maintained in literature from GSO and requested that references to Corrections and to the video "A New Freedom" be removed from the draft. The committee requested that a progress report or revised draft be brought to the 2024 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.
- The committee reviewed the progress report on updates to the pamphlet "Bridging the Gap" and suggested that the trustees' CPC/TA Committee convert the newly developed draft pamphlet "For Professionals How A.A. Bridges the Gap" into a single sheet service piece or a service card.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES

- The committee reviewed the progress report on Military Audio interviews and requested that the Military Audio project be expanded to include veterans. The committee also suggested that the Military Audio project continue to seek interviews with francophone members. The committee requested that sample audio and an update report be provided to the 2024 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.
- The committee reviewed the draft A.A. Guidelines for Remote Communities and asked the staff secretary to revise the service piece. The committee looks forward to the guidelines being made available once the updates have been made.
- The committee reviewed the Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook. The committee noted that some changes suggested for the Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook in recent years have not yet been implemented. The committee suggested that the staff secretary work with the Publishing Department to update these materials.
- The committee reviewed the Accessibilities Kit and Workbook and strongly suggested that the material be updated to reflect the fact that some members and potential members experience various forms of discrimination including racism which creates a barrier or accessibility challenge. The committee also noted that some of the already suggested changes to the kit and workbook had not been implemented and suggested that the staff secretary work with the Publishing Department to update the materials.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

- The committee reviewed an update report regarding the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?”. The committee requested that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought back to the 2024 Conference Committee on Trustees.

Note: As a result of the 2021-22 Equitable Distribution of Workload plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Trustees.

- The committee reviewed the resumes and approved as eligible for election all Class B trustee candidates for Northeast Regional trustee, Southwest Regional trustee, and trustee-at-large/Canada.
- The committee thoroughly discussed the General Service Board’s actions at the January 29, 2023 Board Planning and Sharing session that led to the resignation of the board chair. The committee agreed that the board’s failure to fully utilize the spiritual principles of Alcoholics Anonymous to address leadership problems were deeply concerning. The committee also agreed that failure to expedite communication to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous about the board chair’s resignation and lack of transparency regarding the board’s decision resulted in widespread mistrust and disunity. After lengthy and prayerful discussion the committee took a vote to censure the General Service Board failing to achieve substantial unanimity.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES

The committee reviewed the newly revised Archives Workbook and noted the updates that were suggested by previous Conference Committees on Archives and other updates implemented by GSO Archives staff.

The committee discussed the section “Sharing on Digital Archives” in the Archives Workbook that includes shared experiences from local Archives committees on maintaining digital collections. The committee noted that the section was last updated over eight years ago and contains outdated information. The committee suggested that the section “Sharing on Digital Archives” be refreshed with new stories from local archivists.

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON ICRF

- Ø The committee discussed the update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention, which summarized the survey data indicating that there was not an overwhelming desire by the Fellowship to change the current practice. The consensus of the committee was that we should keep with the current practice of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention wherein the chair has the choice of closing the meeting with either the Lord's Prayer, the Serenity Prayer, or the Responsibility Statement.
  
- Ø The committee discussed ways of encouraging interest in Regional and Local Forums and attracting first time attendees and suggested:
  - o That the General Service Board add virtual elements to Regional Forums, or even add a virtual fifth forum to the annual calendar.
  - o Disseminate advance information about events using flyers, posters, announcements in Grapevine and La Vina, podcasts, Instagram messages, invitations in ASL, QR codes, and *Box 4-5-9* articles.

# FLOOR ACTIONS



# FLOOR ACTION #1

- ▶ Starting in 2024, voting for trustee elections may utilize paper or electronic ballots.

**PASSED 98:32 (87)**

# FLOOR ACTION #2

**The 2016 Conference Advisory Action stating: "General Service Conference delegates be provided a copy of the final approved annual General Service Office and AA Grapevine budgets with the Pre-Conference material for all future Conferences" be reconfirmed.**

**CONFERENCE DECLINED TO HEAR 91:39 (87)**

# FLOOR ACTION #3

**The 73rd General Service Conference censure the General Service Board due to poor communication to the Fellowship regarding the resignation of the former Chair of the General Service Board and for the process that was followed regarding the acceptance of her resignation.**

**DECLINE TO HEAR-FAILED - Motion to Amend FAILED**

**VOTE on Original Motion- FAILED 21:104 (87)**

# FLOOR ACTION #4

**To enhance trust among General Service Conference members, the following actions be taken:**

- The General Service Board prepare a report delineating the history of their Confidentiality Policy and the reason(s) for enacting it, submitting it for review to the Conference Trustees' Committee at the 2024 General Service Conference.**
- The General Service Board initiate a review regarding the need for a less restrictive Confidentiality Policy, submitting a draft or progress report to the Conference Trustees' Committee at the 2024 General Service Conference.**
- The existing Confidentiality Policy of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., be made null and void.**

**CONFERENCE DECLINED TO HEAR 94:38 (87)**

## TOSSED INTO THE FLOOR ACTIONS AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT

A suggestion to follow an Advisory Action from 1986

“When matters of great significance having a long-term effect on the fellowship or of substantial expense are presented to the floor in the waning hours of the Conference, such matters be referred to the appropriate committee at the next conference in order for the group conscience to be as informed as possible. “

FAILED 76-55

# FLOOR ACTION #5

- ▶ In an effort to improve communication, ensure Board policies are reflective of our principles, and reestablish a relationship of trust between the General Service Conference, the General Service Board and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, the General Service Board is asked to undertake an inventory prior to the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. To assist the Board in this endeavor, the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference will establish a working group to aid the General Service Board in formulating possible inventory questions.

DECLINE TO HEAR-FAILED-1<sup>ST</sup> VOTE ON MOTION- FAILED-74:51 (84)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER – PASSED -112:11 (82)

2ND VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION- PASSED 118:14 (87)

# FLOOR ACTION #6

**The General Service Board create an Ad Hoc Joint committee on Communications throughout out service structure that includes trustees, delegates, and staff members.**

CONFERENCE DECLINED TO HEAR 110:19 (86)

# FLOOR ACTION #7

**Following the work of the trustees' ad hoc committee on policy review, Conference members be asked to sign a code of conduct which guides how we work together including but not limited to:**

- **Confidentiality**
- **Communications**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Social media**
- **Transparency**

**This code should include an acknowledgement that mistakes will be made and should suggest mechanisms for righting any wrongs.**

**This code should follow in spirit and language the principles outlined in our 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and our Conference Charter.**

**This code should be reviewed annually by the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.**

**DECLINE TO HEAR-FAILED-  
VOTE ON MOTION- FAILED-**

# FLOOR ACTION #8

The General Service Board begin to develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual costs of the various service items we provide, with an initial draft being brought back to the Conference Committee on Finance for review at the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

These reports should include the budgeted costs of these items, any changes to the budgeted amounts, the long-term trends of the costs, as well as a reasonable projection of future costs for the services, when possible. Expenses to consider shall be regarding initial development, ongoing content creation, maintenance & upkeep, as well as any other substantive ancillary costs.

CONFERENCE DECLINED TO HEAR 102:29 (87)

# FLOOR ACTION #9

Beginning with the 2024 GSC, the delegate chair and alternate delegate chair for the following year's GSC, will be elected in the Conference session scheduled immediately following completion of all committee reports and completion of the discussion of, and voting on, floor actions (if any). Following the election of the delegate chair and alternate delegate chair for the following year's GSC, each primary Conference committee will convene and elect their own committee chair and alternate committee chair for the following year's GSC, according to each Conference Committee's own Composition, Scope and Procedure, with the newly elected delegate chair and alternate delegate chair ineligible to stand for primary or secondary Conference Committee chair or alternate chair. Following the election of the primary committees' committee chair and alternate committee chair, each secondary Conference committee will convene and elect their own committee chair and alternate committee chair for the following year's GSC, according to each committee's own Composition, Scope and Procedure, with the newly elected delegate chair, alternate delegate chair, and committee chairs ineligible for secondary committee chair or alternate chair. At the Conference session immediately following the election of all Conference Committee chairpersons and alternate chairpersons, the newly elected chairpersons and alternate chairpersons will be announced to the full GSC. The process for selecting the delegate chair and the alternate delegate chair for the following year's GSC will be:

1. The first and second-year delegates from a region will nominate one candidate from among the willing 1st year delegates of their region by ballot, utilizing the Third Legacy procedure. A first-year delegate may decline to be considered as a nominee for election for delegate chair or alternate delegate chair.
2. From the nominees (one per region), two of the nominee names will be selected by lot, i.e. by "going to the hat."

From the two names selected by lot, the delegate chair for the following year's GSC will be elected by third legacy procedure, with each region casting one ballot per a decision process of that region's own choosing. The candidate elected/selected by the regions in the Third Legacy procedure will serve as the delegate chair for the following year's GSC, beginning at the close of the current GSC. The second candidate will serve as the alternate delegate chair for the following year's GSC, beginning at the close of the current GSC.

CONFERENCE DECLINED TO HEAR 119:10 (86)

# FLOOR ACTION #10

**The options for closing the Big Meeting at the International Convention be the Serenity Prayer or the Responsibility Statement.**

**DECLINE TO HEAR-FAILED-**

**A 2/3<sup>RD</sup> MAJORITY WAS NOT ACHIEVED**

**A MOTION WAS BROUGHT TO RECOMMIT THE FLOOR MOTION TO THE TRUSTEES ICRF COMMITTEE – PASSED (88 – 40)**

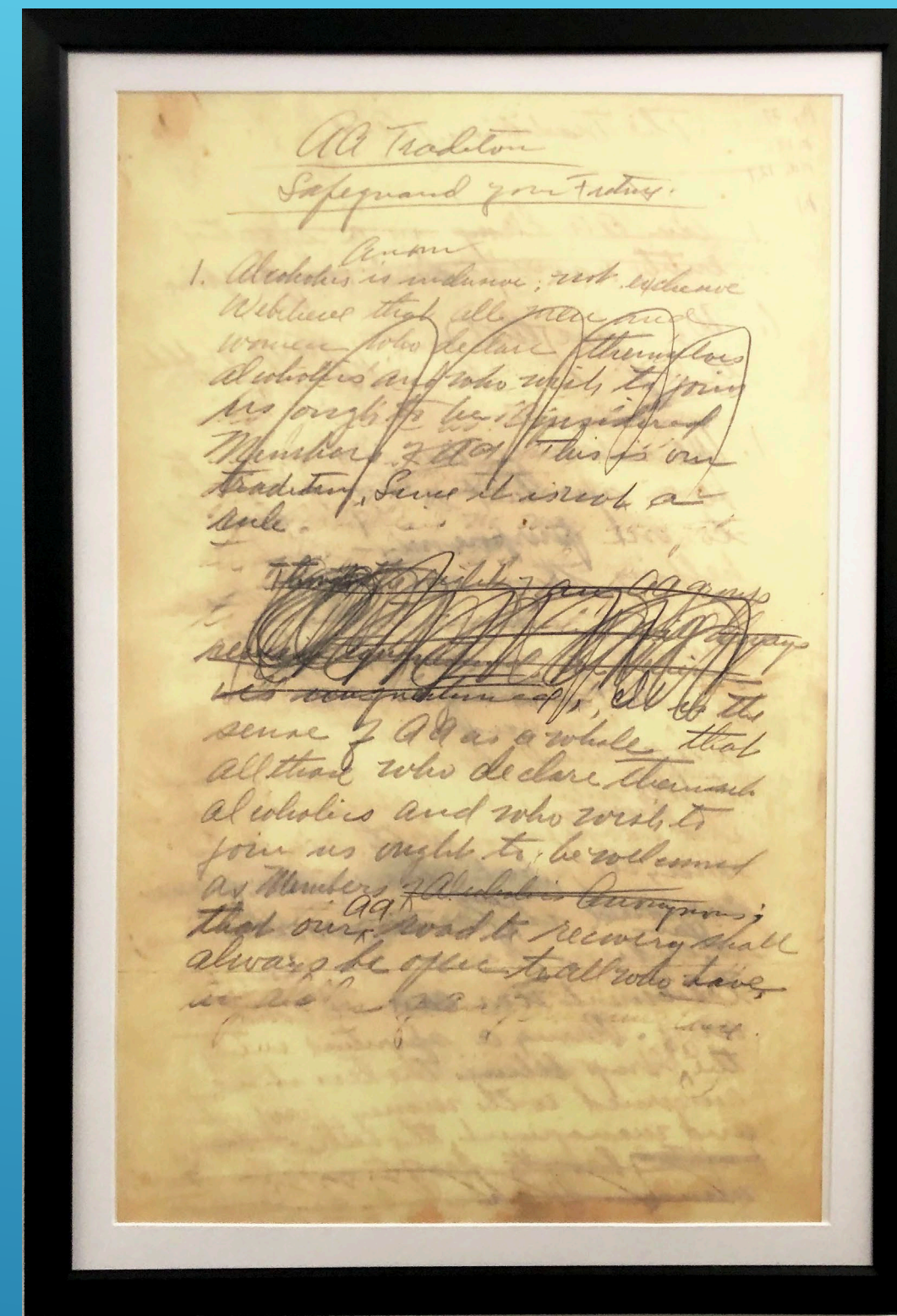




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# Memories from GSO and the 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC



THANK YOU TO AREA 82 FOR  
ALLOWING ME TO BE PART OF THIS  
SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

*Bill W.*



Bill and Lois W. visit  
the Shipping Department  
at the General Service Office on  
468-470 Park Ave., South, circa 1970.



