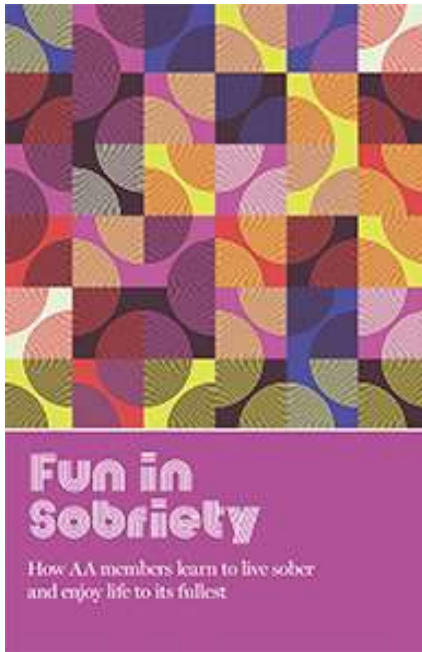


Delegate's Report April 2022



A New Book!!

Just released!! Fun in Sobriety features 50-plus inspiring stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they've learned to have a good time after putting down the drink. Chapters include travel, outdoor activities, arts & hobbies, social entertainment, fun-filled AA activities, and sober events. The stories were previously published in Grapevine, the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Full of passion and humor, this book shows how, by working the program and developing a sober network, life can begin to take on new, exciting adventures. Available in English.

Remember – all AAWs and Grapevine publications are available locally at the NH Service Office in Hooksett 😊

General Service Conference

The 72nd General Service Conference is April 24-30. I will have an out-of-office message on my email from the morning of April 23 until the morning of May 4. Please contact Sue W (altdelegate@nhaa.net) or Addie F (chairperson@nhaa.net) during my absence.

My Conference assignment is **Treatment and Accessibilities**. Our committee will tackle 7 agenda items.

GSC Survey

The online GSC Survey closed on Sunday, April 10, 2022. In total, 352 NHAA members participated.

Post-Conference Report Back

After the Conference meeting: Each delegate reports back to their area on Conference proceedings and the approved Conference Advisory Actions and additional committee considerations. Each GSR, having had the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of their delegate, is responsible for informing their group on the Conference outcome.

The AA Service Manual, p. 5

The Post-Conference Assembly will be Saturday, May 21st. I will provide a detailed report on the outcome of the General Service Conference and disposition of the agenda items. Be there and be in the know!!

Our new podcast, the **AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour** can be heard anywhere you listen to podcasts. We release a new episode every Monday. Tune in to hear funny, poignant, and always inspiring **“meeting after the meeting”** conversation about getting sober and staying sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Available for free wherever you listen to podcast or you can also find it on our website, at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast.

Literature / Call for Stories (multiple opportunities)

4th Edition Big Book (Spanish)

In keeping with the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference that "a Fourth Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*, be developed, including updated stories that better reflect the current membership, and that a progress report be presented to the 2022 General Service Conference," the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of recovery from members of the Hispanic community in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from a wide representation of the Hispanic community. Stories of recovery may also include:

- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Experiences of sobriety during the pandemic
- Newcomer and old-timer experiences
- Accessibility experiences
- Spiritual experiences
- A.A. meetings on virtual platforms
- Sobriety and mental health

Suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3,500 words, double-spaced, in 12-point type. Handwritten stories should be approximately 5-6 pages.

Please include your full name, postal and email address, and phone number on the first page of your manuscript. The anonymity of all authors will be respected, whether their story is selected for publication or not.

- Stories written in Spanish, English or French will be accepted from any Hispanic member of the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

5th Edition Big Book (English)

The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more Alcoholics.”

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

“The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.”

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

The trustees’ Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories of our members for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition which are from a broad cross-section of our local communities, all stories are of value. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’”

It is the Literature Committee’s shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth edition.

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

Deadline: Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

Online: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

Email: 5BBStory@aa.org

Subject Line: Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The word "5th Edition BB" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Finances

Unaudited financial information has just been made available from the General Service Office for Jan-Mar 2022. Through ¼ of the year, GSO is trending slightly above expectations in contributions and literature sales and slightly below expectations on expenses. The result? GSO is in good shape!!

Safety in AA

Revised service material on safety in AA is now available. Groups are encouraged to discuss safety in AA at a business meeting.

Safety Card:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VEstr8QN6obDin10STQdexs1JBUDyFlv/view?usp=sharing>

Safety and AA Flyer:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_yQIDI3uyjMOuW3jCqjv62YxJ8Z0tLwJ/view?usp=sharing

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