

Delegate's Report

March 2022

NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly)

I was delighted to be part of a sizeable contingent of New Hampshire AAs at the Regional Service Assembly. All 6 sitting Officers were in attendance, as were 3 DCMs. As I think all participants will agree, attending the position-specific roundtables is invaluable. It was a real honor to carry in the NH flag and to offer the Area Service Highlights.

Next year's Regional Service Assembly will be February 23-26, 2023 in Albany, NY – an easy drive. Let's rideshare and bring lots of GSRs!

NERD Weekend (Northeast Regional Delegates)

This event provided an opportunity for Sue W and I to get to know our counterparts in the 18 Areas that make up the Northeast Region. We asked questions, got fantastic ideas and took LOTS of notes.

General Service Conference

My focus over the next 5 weeks is to prepare for the General Service Conference, which will be held in Brooklyn, NY, April 23-30, 2022.

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.

Sharing Sessions

This morning wrapped up the 2022 GSC Sharing Sessions. Thank you to everyone who attended either one, or both, of the virtual sessions, the in-person session in Keene last weekend, and thanks to everyone who is here today. I found your questions provocative and your comments insightful.

GSC Survey

The online GSC Survey is open!! ALL AA members in New Hampshire are invited to submit their views on the Agenda Items. Thank you in advance for your participation in this process. The survey closes at 12:00pm on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

To access the survey, use the very obvious button on the www.nhaa.net website

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 all agenda items.

As announced in the January Delegate's Report, Sue and I would like to visit every District in late May or June. We are requesting 45 minutes at the beginning of monthly GSR meeting to give an abbreviated

report back and answer questions. So far, we are booked to visit Districts 7, 9, 14 and 17. Any other Districts that would like a visit, please email me as soon as possible at delegate@nhaa.net.

Grapevine/La Viña

I have been in contact recently with Grapevine staff in New York, helping our Service Office resolve some shipping and billing issues. We just received a large order and you should find most of the Grapevine books in stock in Hooksett. Consider adding Grapevine books to your group's raffle table – folks will be excited to see some new items!

Contributions to GSO

Groups and individual AA members are reminded that the address for mail-in contributions is:

General Service Office

Post Office Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

Literature

Three new/revised pamphlets have just been released by AA World Services:

“Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous”

“Hispanic Women in A.A.”

“Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to Our Twelve Traditions” (the is the NEW illustrated Twelve Traditions pamphlet. The OLDER illustrated Twelve Traditions pamphlet was so popular that AA World Services is making both versions available...)

Finances

The contributions of groups across the US and Canada sustain the General Service Office in New York. Without GSO, we could not effectively carry the message – the staff at GSO coordinate publication of our literature, provide materials to help committees do their work, create public information videos and PSAs...the list goes on and on. As I get updates on finances in NY, I will be passing along the information.

Through the first 2 months of 2022, GSO is right on target in contributions and literature sales, and slightly under on expenses – just what every Treasurer likes to see! GSO maintains a prudent reserve – which currently sits at 7.85 months of budgeted operating expenses for GSO and Grapevine.

Armed Forces AA Member Interview Project

The Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities is initiating the production of interviews from members of the United States and Canadian Armed Forces.

The goal of this effort is to improve A.A.'s outreach and identification with members of the U.S. and Canadian military. A major part of this work will be the production of several audio/video products where individual A.A. members who are currently serving or recently retired will share their experience with particular emphasis on recovery in A.A. while serving in the military.

There is a need for volunteers to help with this important project!!

The committee is looking for A.A. members who are willing to be interviewed for this project. They would like to have representation from all Services from Canada and the U.S. – A.A. members from

all ranks, all across the spectrum of age, gender, orientation and varied operational experience speak to what it is like to recover and stay sober while serving in the military. The anonymity of all involved will be maintained.

A.A. Members who wish to learn more about this project or to volunteer to participate in the interview process should contact: militaryoutreach@aa.org

North and South Special Virtual Forum

This is SO COOL! The virtual hand of A.A. will stretch from Canada and the United States to the furthest reaches of South America.

Saturday July 16, 2022, from 11:00am to 7:00-pm EDT.

The theme of the event is: Beyond Language, Culture & Geography: Sobriety Within Everybody's Reach
Mark the date on your calendar. More details to follow.

Did you know??

Part of the "position description" for Alternate Delegates is they should be ready and prepared to attend General Service Conference if, for any reason, the seated Delegate cannot attend. There has been lots of chatter this year about COVID and the need to Alternate Delegates to "really" be ready to go. I can assure you that Sue W is amply prepared should she need to step in. However, from 1954-2021, there have only been 26 instances where an Alternate Delegate was "admitted" to the Conference in place of that Area's Delegate.

Twice over that 67-year period an **Area Chairperson** was "admitted" to the Conference because neither the Delegate nor Alternate Delegate could attend.

In 1984, the **Area Treasurer** from Central and Southeast Ohio was seated as a Conference member, since neither the Delegate nor the Alternate Delegate nor the Chairperson from that Area was able to attend.

Addie and Karen...heads up!

Grace F
Area 43 Panel 72 Delegate