



# Delegate Report – Area Committee, February 20, 2016

Panel 66, Area 29

Maryland General Service, Inc.

I am so excited to be making my first Panel 66 report to Area 29. In fulfilling my duties as your Delegate, two-way communication is not only a key, it's vital!!! It is my intention to carry on the tradition of reporting to you on all information received from the General Service Board, AAWS, Inc., A.A. Grapevine, Inc., the Northeast Region and any other news and events from Area 29 and A. A. as a whole. So, let's get started...

## General Service Board News

Following are highlights from the General Service Board quarterly meeting held 11/2/15:

- The Trustees' Committee on CPC/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities approved a recommendation that "Special Needs" be removed from the name of the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities and throughout the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure. The Conference Committee will be discussing the removal of "Special Needs" from their committee name at the GSC.
- The Trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums approved a recommendation that AI-Anon be invited to participate in A.A.'s 2020 International Conv to be held in Detroit.

## **Non Trustee Appointed Committee Member**

The Trustees Committee on P.I. of the General Service Board has an opening for a non-trustee appointed committee member, and is searching for a suitable individual to fill this position. The full communication from the GSB was sent to the Area Committee in January. For a Resume form or mailing address, please let me know. **NOTE the DEADLINE** for submission is NO LATER than 4pm on March 1, 2016.

## 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference:

Theme: **"Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts"**

Presentation/Discussion topics:

- a. Connecting With the Newcomer:
  1. All Inclusive - Never Exclusive
  2. Are We Doing Enough to Help the Newcomer - - Are We Going to Any Length?
  3. Home Group - Where It Begins
- b. Connecting With Each Other:
  1. Singleness of Purpose - Staying Pertinent in a Changing World
  2. Informed Group Conscience - The Key to Unity
  3. Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service
- c. Connecting With A.A. as a Whole:
  1. Participating in All of A.A.
  2. Understanding Self-Support
  3. Reaching Out to the Next Generation of A.A.s

A good Workshop Topic: "Anonymity – The Spiritual Foundation"

These General Service Conference presentation and discussion topics have been posted to the [marylandaa.org](http://marylandaa.org) website for your use in local workshops, district meetings and group discussion meetings. Please be sure to let me know how your groups respond to these topics.

For the next two years, my Conference Committee assignment is the Finance Committee. I have already received a lot of helpful information from the Northeast Regional Trustee, Rich P, the Conference Committee Chair, and Area 29 Past Delegates to prepare me for the Conference.

## A.A. World Service, Inc. News

**G.S.O. Construction Project:** The construction project at your GSO is complete. The General Service Office and the Grapevine are now on the same floor for an estimated savings of over \$1,000,000 a year in office efficiency. They are open for visitors as well.

**Public Information:** CNN Airport Network approved the P.S.A. "Doors" for its September 2015 rotation in nine large hubs in the U.S. In the past six months, it has aired over 15,000 times in English, Spanish and French

**G.S.O. Desk Assignments:** Copies of the trusted servant Desk Assignments at our General Service Office are available in hard copy. Please use these contacts to correspond with GSO.

### **A.A.W.S. Finance Summary:**

AAWS Online Store: Total web sales for Jan-Sept 2015 were \$5,842,558 which accounts for about 61.8% of total sales. For eight months of the year, online sales have been over 60% of the total sales.

2015 Gross Sales through September: For the first 9 months of 2015, sales were below the estimate: \$9,636,360 actual sales vs. budget of \$11,346,192 (15.07% variance). Only one of the first nine months was at *or* above estimate.

Unaudited G.S.O. financial update for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

- Net sales: \$9,459,000
- Gross Profit (Literature): \$6,226,000
- Total Revenues: \$11,112,000  
(\$1,167,046 or 9.5% under budget)
- Total operating expenses: \$11,396,000  
(\$820,668 under budget)
- Contributions: \$97,571 under budget and \$24,998 less than the same period in 2014.
- Net Loss: \$283,716 for the period, compared with a budgeted profit of \$62,663.

### **Contribution Financial Summary for Area 29:**

The Area Quarterly Contribution Reports provided by AAWS on 11/2/15 were sent to all DCMs in January. No other financial information has been

received since that report. If you did not receive a copy, please contact me. These reports should be shared with your GSRs!! It will give them a great opportunity to learn why the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is so important and why we will be talking a lot about *Self-Support* going forward. Group contributions reported for Area 29 in 2014 were \$81,665.31. As of the November 30, 2015 report, group contributions stood at \$80,622. There were 832 active, contributing groups and 189 Unknown Groups listed in Area 29. Please review the report to be sure your Groups are listed in your District. Also, please coordinate any necessary corrections with the Area 29 Registrar, Mike S., rather than attempting to contact GSO with information. He has a direct link through Fellowship New Vision.



## A.A. Grapevine, Inc. News

In the Board Minutes, Grapevine reported a website development initiative to index author information geographically to enable searching for content published from individuals in specific areas. GV is also developing an App for reading the magazine.

Maryland had a 24.57% increase in subscriptions, as reported in the 2015 GV Subscription Challenge. Missouri won with a 60.32% increase.

Challenges/Actions: Print & digital subs will decline gradually without better connections to the fellowship. Fellowship-wide support is key.

GV Financial Report: For the nine months ending 9/30/15, GV realized net income of \$207,861 in comparison to a budgeted net loss of \$20,959 (\$228,820 ahead of budget).

## Northeast Region News

### **2016 NERAASA – Springfield, Mass**

I will be attending the 2016 Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, **(NERAASA)** Feb. 25 – 28, 2016. The theme will be the same as the 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions & Concepts". ALL A.A. members are

welcome and encouraged to attend. It's an excellent opportunity to learn about service in Alcoholics Anonymous & meet hundreds of new friends in the Northeast Region. In fact, we have a couple of our own Area 29 members making presentations.

### **Northeast Regional Delegate's Reunion 2016**

The Northeast Regional Delegate's Reunion 2016 or **NERD** will be held March 11-13<sup>th</sup> in Nashua, New Hampshire & is hosted by Area 43/NH. I have registered and will share a room with my very own Panel 50 Past Delegate, Morgan J. ☺

### **Around Area 29**

Since we last met in December 2015, I have conducted district elections in two Districts, responded to scores of Area e-mails, completed & forwarded all the forms/information necessary to the Conference Coordinator, and begun immersing myself in preparing for the 2016 General Service Conference.

On Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, we had a very productive Panel 66 Planning Session which included the Area Officers, Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs and Past Delegates to discuss goals and plans for 2016. You'll be hearing a lot more on this from our Area Chair, Don B.

The Final Conference Agenda and background material for the 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference was uploaded to the secure GSO dashboard on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Then early Saturday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, six Past Delegates, the Alt Delegate and I met to develop the Modified Agenda to be used for the Conference Agenda Review Committees (CARCs) this year to prepare your Delegate for the GSC. The CARCs are an opportunity for **YOU** to help generate the Area's conscience on a variety of topics. The goal in shifting the CARC process slightly was to glean more interest and participation. My hope is that will be true for you, your Sponsor and your Sponsees whom you should bring along with you!! Our Alternate Delegate, David R. will be providing the necessary information on the CARCs today. I would like publicly thank the Past Delegates who have worked so diligently behind the scenes on this updated process and for assisting with preparation of the Modified Agenda and all the CDs for your use this year.

NOTE many of the Agenda items which are not on the Modified Agenda, will be items of interest for Area Sharing Sessions and Workshops, District discussions, and integrated into the Mini-Conference. The Alt Delegate and I coordinate this venture with the Area Chair and Mini-Conference Chair.

Please remember to provide your loving appraisals <pros and cons> as we go along through the new CARC process this year, so we may continue to inventory how the Area is doing, not only in preparing the Delegate, but also in continuing the two-way communication with the fellowship.

I am always available to attend any function to discuss service issues pertaining to the General Service Conference. I would appreciate any input any member has in developing our Area conscience with the goal of protecting Alcoholics Anonymous for the yet unborn child destined for alcoholism. That will always remain our challenge.

You can contact me at (443)875-2723 or e-mail me at [delegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:delegate@marylandaa.org).

**Yours in Service,**

**Linda J. Delegate**  
**Panel 66 Area 29**



### **Delegate Wanderings....**

- February 25-28 – NERAASA  
Springfield, MA
- March 5 – CARC 1 (10-2pm)
- March 6 – CARC 4 (1-4pm)
- March 11-13 – NERD, Nashua, NH
- March 19 – Area 29 Assembly
- April 2 – Area 13 Mini Conference
- April 9 – Area 29 Mini Conference
- April 17-24 – 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference
- May 14 – Area 29 Report back Assembly