



Delegate Report – October 22, 2011

The Trustees and office staff at the General Service Office (G.S.O.) are busy following up on the actions from the 2011 General Service Conference. Following is a synopsis of the A.A.W.S. Highlights from their meeting of September 16, 2011 as well as information received from various committees.

Note: The shipping price changes will not take effect until online ordering is implemented (estimated timeframe is nine months to a year from the date of the September 16, 2011 meeting)

After reviewing an inventory of Publications Department unfunded projects, the committee advised moving three projects forward for inclusion in the 2012 budget:

- American Sign Language (ASL) and CD formats for the new pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs"
Large print formats in French of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
French and Spanish editions of the Conference Advisory Actions Booklet (1989-2011 only)

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G.S.O. General Manager's Report

The Additional Pacific Regional Forum took place in Woodland Hills, California in August. There were 373 first time attendees out of 723 total participants. The West Central Regional Forum held in Davenport, Iowa in September enjoyed an attendance of 292, 165 were first time attendees.

The Archives Department welcomed Stephanie Gellis (nonalcoholic) as a part time Archives assistant.

An A.A. member generously gifted a 2nd and 3rd printing of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, completing the Archives collection of printing of this book.

Services

Management submitted a proposal for posting Daily Reflections on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, with an optional daily e-mail delivery service. The board approved the proposal and a progress report will be brought to the October board meeting that will include the costs of email service delivery.

A.A.W.S. approved the concept of online literature sales to include the following shipping charges:

Table with 2 columns: Amount of Order, Shipping and Warehousing Charge. Rows include: Up to \$50 (\$10), Over \$50, up to \$249 (19% of order), Over \$250, up to \$500 (16% of order), Over \$500 (No Charge).

Finance

The unaudited G.S.O. Financial Report ending July 30, 2011 revealed that net sales were \$58,000 or .8% higher than budget. Contributions were \$103,700 or 2.9% less than budget. Total operating expenses were \$211,600 or 2.6% less than budget. Net income for the seven months was \$491,200 which is \$167,400 greater than budget.

Other

The A.A.W.S. board reviewed planning for the mid-November launch of the Fourth Edition Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in eBook format. The board approved pricing for both eBooks at \$6.00 (in English, French and Spanish).

The App for reading the eBooks will be called the A.A. eReader which will be available at no charge from the Apple App Store. Readers will be able to purchase the book through the A.A.W.S. Online Store. Information about the eBooks will be posted on G.S.O.'s A.A. website starting in October and the link to the Online Store will go live in mid November.

Conference Agenda Committee

As reported last month, it is time to provide **suggestions for the theme, presentation and workshop topics for the 2013 General Service Conference** to be considered by the 2012 Conference Agenda Committee. We are asked for suggestions each year in August or September according to an additional consideration from the 2000 General Service Conference.

The theme, presentation and workshop topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at Area and district meetings as well as workshops and pre-Conference assemblies, etc. This gives A.A. members involved in service the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A.

I distributed a form last month to be completed with your ideas. On the reverse of this form is a list of General Service Conference themes from 1966 through 2012.

Please provide your suggestions to me by December 1 to allow time to compile the suggestions and send them to the Conference Agenda Committee. Thank You!



North East Region News

The North East Regional A.A. Service Assembly or **NERAASA 2012** will take place March 2-4, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza in Albany, NY. Flyers are now available. Room reservations can be made at any time. Event registrations can be made by mail or online at www.neraasa.org.

Although not in the North East Region, check out the first *Southern States A.A. Service Assembly* or **SSAASA**. It will be held November 4 – 6, 2011. The room rate at the Fair Oaks Marriott in Fairfax, VA is \$79 per night. You can see me for a flyer.

Area 29



News

Don't forget the **Fall Conference** is October 27 through 30 at Hager Hall in Hagerstown. You can register at the door and take part in the workshops, speakers, costume party and dances. Don't miss it!

I participated in the **Intergroup Liaison Committee Day of Sharing** on October 1. There were about 30 attendees representing Maryland General Service and 7 out of the 10 Intergroups. A lot of valuable information was presented offering an opportunity for lively sharing by members of both service entities.

I was asked by the current chair of Baltimore Intergroup to attend his home group on Friday, October 7 to talk to the group about the GSR position. Since attending a meeting at 7:30 am in Baltimore was a little difficult for me, I called on Pat H., DCM from neighboring District 10. I want to thank Pat for stepping up. I understand that the meeting went well and hopefully a GSR was elected.

On October 11 I traveled to the **North East Maryland Intergroup** meeting to share what is happening in New York and to deliver the final report from the 61st General Service Conference. A special thank you to Dean C., D11 DCM, and John H., Intergroup Chair, for their loving invitation.

On October 16, at the invitation of DCM Gene S., I attended the **District 20 meeting** to conduct their elections for DCM, Alt DCM and Treasurer. Two people stood for each position and three new trusted servants will take office January 1.

As always, I am available to visit your group, Intergroup or District. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

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