



Delegate Report – Area Committee, September 23, 2017

Panel 66, Area 29

Maryland General Service, Inc.

Area and District Elections

Rotation is not only a healthy practice, but a treasured A.A. principle which ensures that service positions, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share in the opportunities for spiritual growth. Area 29 Elections for Panel 68 Officers will be on October 21st. Please be present to cast your vote for the next Panel of trusted servants.

DCMs are urged to communicate the following points about “election season” to their GSRs: (1) *The A.A. Service Manual* suggests holding district and GSR elections shortly *after* Area Assemblies to facilitate rotation of current DCMs and GSRs; (2) Bill cites four attributes – “tolerance, responsibility, flexibility and vision” – to consider in choosing our Panel 68 leaders in our home groups, Districts and Area; and (3) for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs and Area officers, the next rotation starts January 1, not on the day of election. There is time built in to follow along behind the person currently serving in your soon to be service position in order to more easily “learn the ropes”.

Receive the “tools” you will need to effectively serve in these positions at the DCM/GSR Transition Training to be held on December 2nd. It is intended for *all incoming and outgoing* DCM/Alts and GSR/Alts. The training will be held at Severna Park U.M. Church from 8:30 -12:30 pm. Mark your calendar now to attend!! Neon yellow flyers are on the back table.

A.A. World Service, Inc. News

Gross Sales through June 2017: June gross sales were under budget at \$961,000, which is \$243,720 or 20.23% negative variance against budgeted sales of \$1,204,720. While under budget in June, gross sales through the first six months of 2017 are running ahead of budget, with contributions ahead of budget as well. The G.S.O. six-month unaudited financial report revealed that gross sales were \$7,316,669 or 2.17% ahead of budget, contributions were \$3,771,670 or 13.31% ahead of budget and total operating expenses were \$7,821,310 or 1.04% less than budget. Net profit was \$966,876 compared with a budgeted profit of \$14,988. It is interesting to note that total Web sales (A.A.W.S Online Bookstores) for June 2017 stand at \$613,899 and accounts for about 64.8% of total sales for the company. (Bulk orders: \$437,072 and Individual customers: \$176,826).

G.S.O. financials for six months ended June 30, 2017: (unaudited)

<input type="checkbox"/> Net sales:	\$7,211,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Gross Profit (Literature):	\$5,016,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Revenues;	\$8,788,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Total operating expenses:	\$7,821,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributions:	\$ 3,772,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Net Profit:	\$ 967,000

- **International licensing and translation:** Current licensing and translations include: Croatian BB approved for print; revised translation of the Slovakian BB; audio recording for final two chapters for the Navajo BB; Punjabi BB and the “Twelve and Twelve”. Translations of pamphlets are also moving forward in the following countries: Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Ireland, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Sweden; and in the following languages: Albanian, Czech, Telugu (India) and Twi (Ghana). The committee declined a request for a re-translation of the Third Edition Spanish Big Book as there is no expressed need within the Fellowship at this time. The Big Book is available in 70 languages.
- **“7/27 Campaign”:** In the US and Canada, 459 online contributions were received totaling over \$9,300. Snail mail 7/27 contribution totals are not yet available. Thank you from A.A.W.S. for the generosity.

General Service Office

- **Archives Department:** Closed for construction Sept 20 – October 5, 2017 to better provide services to the Fellowship.
- **CPC Desk:** Soliciting members who may have experience to share relating to professionals in contact with veterans and/or active-duty members of the Armed Services, as well as veterans/active duty stories of how the message was carried to them, and if there were any barriers in that regard.
- **CPC Desk:** “An Open Letter to Health Care Professionals” from past Class A Trustee, John Fromson was posted on the Professionals page of aa.org.
- **Corrections:** The Fellowship responded with over 90 volunteers to the Correction Correspondence Service “Mail Call” in the July prison issue of GV. Over 1,149 letters were answered from inmates and 259 inmates were linked through Correction Correspondence Service.
- **Treatment/Accessibilities:** Requesting shared experience: (1) from members on carrying the message to veterans and active duty members of the Armed Services, and any barriers for access to receiving the message, and (2) from Deaf and Hard of Hearing AA members, to assess the need to develop a pamphlet reflecting recovery experiences of Deaf A.A. members.
- **Yellow “Safety Card for AA. Groups” (F-211)** is being distributed to all DCMs for their District Outreach. You can also make a copy at aa.org under “What’s New?” web button.

A.A. Grapevine, Inc. News

4 Seasons of Service Challenge: Write a story and share your experience on “Working with Others with Grapevine and LaVina” for the current GV challenge. The N.E. Region has 11 story submissions and is second *only* to the West Central Region with 12 submissions. I am challenging myself to write a story prior to the October Assembly. Are you willing to take the challenge? You can find more details at: www.aagrapevine.org/4seasons.

Carry the Message with GV: Pass on to your groups how easy it is to give the GV magazine to an alcoholic in need. Purchase a subscription Gift Certificate at aagrapevine.org and send it to your Area Delegate, who will in turn distribute where needed in the Area. One has been sent to the Firefighters rehab and there is one remaining to be distributed at this time.

GV Financial Overview: June YTD Sales are ahead of projections. June YTD cash inflows were \$1,567,225 vs. projected inflows of \$1,286,404, for a total of \$281,000 ahead of projections. Organization-wide support continues to be vital for continued Grapevine printing.

Events In and Around Area 29

- **Central Office/Intergroup Seminar:** Oct 5-8th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Herndon, VA (will be in Montreal in 2018)
- **National Corrections Conference:** Nov 10-12th in St. Louis
- **NERAASA 2018:** Feb 23-25th in Area 11, Cromwell, CT
- **2020 International Convention:** July 2- 5, 2020 in Detroit.

Timely Topics Around Area 29

- The 2nd Quarter 2017 Area Contribution Reports from G.S.O. (ending June 30, 2017) were recently sent to DCMs. Total Group Contributions from Area 29 were \$44,388 from 29.8% of the 993 groups currently listed with Fellowship New Vision (FNV). This is slightly lower than the same period last year. Please pass these along to the GSRs to share with their Home Group.
- **CARCs:** Several Motions for potential Agenda Items will be brought forward today to the Area Committee from the CARCs. If the Motion passes, they will be forwarded to the Area Assembly. If the Motion passes at the Area Assembly, the Delegate will forward the potential Agenda Item to the Conference Coordinator, Rick W. Thank you again to all who participated in preparing me to attend the General Service Conference this year, by participating in one of the CARCs or the Mini-Conference.
- **67th General Service Conference Final Conference Reports:** Area 29’s 1,800 Final Conference Reports are being distributed far and wide. I challenge all DCMs to deliver one copy to all of the groups in their Districts. It’s an excellent opportunity for outreach at the district level.

- **November Gratitude Month Challenge:** Let’s challenge every member in Area 29 to participate in the Gratitude Month initiative. There is still plenty of time to get the word out about the challenge to all members of the Fellowship across Area 29 AND provide Birthday Plan envelopes. Take as many as you like today and pass them around to every group!! Be sure to Thank your Groups again this month for their continued support of and contributions to Alcoholics Anonymous. Please remind folks that Birthday Plan contributions may be made either online at aa.org or via snail mail.
- **Disaster Relief:** Updates will continue to be sent to the Fellowship to allow those who would like to participate to do so in the Areas where it is most needed. I am in frequent contact with the Delegates from the Areas most tragically affected. They are all grateful for the outpouring of support from the Fellowship.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship in Area 29. Please contact me at delegate@marylandaa.org if I may assist you, your Group, District or Intergroup.

In Love and Service,

Linda J., Delegate
Panel 66, Area 29



Delegate’s Calendar...

9/27	West Central Intergroup	Frederick
9/30	By-Laws Ad Hoc Comm	Frederick
9/30	District 41 Picnic	Mt. Airy
10/1	D 31 Crab Feast	Severna Park
10/3	District 31	Severna Park
10/4	District 11	North East
10/5-10/8	32 nd Annual Intergroup Seminar	Herndon, VA
10/9	NERAASA 2019 Steering Comm	New Market
10/15	Conduct Area 59 Inventory	Reading, PA
10/19	District 37	Easton
10/21	Area 29 Elections	Severna Park
10/22	HAIG	Hagerstown
10/28	District 22 Workshop	Annapolis
11/1	Conduct D22 Elections	Annapolis
11/2	District 35	Waldorf
11/4	District 33	Cockeysville
11/5	Conduct Group Inventory	Hagerstown
11/7	Conduct D31 Elections	Severna Park
11/10-11/12	S.S.A.A.S.A.	Atlanta
11/14	Conduct D42 Elections	Crofton
11/18	Area Committee	Cockeysville
11/25	District 7 Gratitude Breakfast	Columbia
12/2	DCM/GSR Transition Trng	Severna Park
12/9	Area Assembly (Rotation)	Ellicott City
12/14	Lower Shore Intergroup	Salisbury