
Delegate Report – Area Assembly, March 16, 2019



Panel 68, Area 29

Maryland General Service, Inc.

Welcome to Maryland General Service! Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to A.A. Whether you walked a few blocks or drove hours to get here, you are now at the heart of our inverted service triangle. Here you will receive lots of info to take back to your home group!

General Service Board News

International: Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee Dr. Peter Luongo, who lives in Maryland and has taught at Johns Hopkins, was invited by the Cuban Health Ministry to participate in the Third International Meeting Against Drug Addiction in Guantánamo this past November. Dr. Luongo told nearly 100 healthcare professionals, "A.A. can be an essential part of your treatment plan."

General Service Conference

The 69th GSC, "Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71 Languages," will be held in New York, NY, from May 19-25. Morgan J. is Maryland's candidate to stand in the election for Northeast Regional Trustee. A joint AAWS/AAGV Board discussion will take place during Conference week. Our four Area 29 Conference Agenda Review Committees (CARCs) will gather today to receive their CARC Modified Agendas and begin preparing our Delegate for this year's Conference.

A.A. World Service, Inc. News

Archives: In 2018, Archives responded to 1,600 requests for information/research & accessioned over 375 new items. Projects in 2019 include digitizing Bill W.'s personal collection of unpublished correspondence; scanning past trustee correspondence & conference committee background; and organizing, filing, and digitizing historical materials from the 1950s and 1960s. Plans include adding new content to the Archives section of aa.org, including new digital exhibits, excerpts of audio recordings, and a Timeline.

Communications: GSO has created a new Communications Department, and our very own Stephanie L. has been hired to lead the way, starting on April 1. Congratulations, Stephanie!

Corrections: In 2018 a total of 5,368 letters were received from inmates, and the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) linked 1,268 male and 368 female inmates with sober A.A. members. The video "A New Freedom" is now available in 30, 15, and 3 minute versions. The Publishing Department is researching options for creating staple-free pamphlets. Prerelease contact information materials are being updated.

ERP: The Enterprise Resource Planning system to synchronize all AAWS databases is set to launch within the next two months.

Finance: 2018 contributions of \$8.38M were 2.25% over budget but 0.29% less than in 2017. Contributions met 75% of expenses, compared to 82% in 2018, due to 8.56% higher costs which included the GSC, the World Service Meeting, new hires, professional expenses, pension benefit payouts, and the ERP system. The 2019 Budget is based on the 2018 level of contributions, with net profit of \$304k anticipated after expenses, thanks to greater projected literature sales due to the forthcoming new book of Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks.



Love and Tolerance Is Our Code

International Convention: 65,000 A.A.s will meet in Detroit, Michigan, from July 2-5, 2020. Our 2020 I.C. has a new logo which is available only for areas, districts, and intergroups to use as a link to the 2020 I.C. page at aa.org. Registration & housing open in September 2019. Go see the animated video invitation at aa.org!

Public Information: The new PSA "Changes" has been added to the aa.org website.

Publishing: A.A.'s first book in many years of all new material, *Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970*, will be available this spring. A consulting firm has been hired to research distribution options for A.A.W.S. ebooks and audiobooks to reach consumers, academic and public libraries, and the incarcerated. Several A.A. *Guidelines* are being updated.

TCS: The Technology Communications Services Committee has been preparing to launch the new aa.org website, developing an app, adding A.A. entities to the Meeting Guide, advancing the YouTube project & preparing reports on Google AdWords and Google Grants. The launch date for the app should be announced soon.



A.A. Grapevine, Inc. News

New Publisher: Our new AAGV Publisher Albin Z. is profiled in the Spring 2019 issue of Box 459. He has earned impressive credentials in both the publishing industry and from his dedicated service to A.A. An *All New Grapevine Cartoon Book* is due out this spring in book and ebook formats. AAGV plans to draw up to \$33,000 from the Reserve Fund in 2019 to build the new La Viña Archive.

Regional & National News

NERAASA ~ Thank you to the many Area 29 volunteers who made NERAASA 2019 such a huge success, with more than a thousand service-oriented A.A. members attending the 28th annual North East Regional A.A. Service Assembly in Hunt Valley, MD, from Feb 22-24.

NERF 2019 ~ Mark your calendars to hear the very latest news from your trusted servants on the GSB, GSO and AAGV staff, and give them your questions and ideas at the North East Regional Forum in Tarrytown, NY, from May 31-June 2. Registration is free! Go to: aa.org.

Around Area 29

Thanks to our very active Committees, Districts, CARCs, and Intergroups, our Area 29 calendar in March and April is packed with workshops and activities galore! Here are a few:

3/17 D31 St. Paddy's Day Alcathon, Severna Park
 3/18 CONTRA study conference calls begin
 3/23 MGS Corrections workshop, Severna Park
 3/24 D18 Meditation workshop, Catonsville
 3/24 MGS P.I. Committee meeting, Catonsville
 3/30 D6 Slogans & Sayings workshop, Edgewater
 3/30 CARC 2, Lothian
 4/04 CARC 1, Easton
 4/06 BICAA Safety workshop, Parkville
 4/06 Steps 10-12 workshop, Davidsonville
 4/07 WCI Gratitude breakfast, Frederick
 4/07 NEMDIG Spring breakfast, Havre de Grace
 4/07 CARC 4, Frederick
 4/13 D40 Home Group workshop, Frederick
 4/13 CARC 2 (if necessary), Lothian
 4/14 CARC 3, Parkville
 4/27 Area 29 Mini-Conference

Events for May are planned in Aberdeen, Belair, Brooklyn, Catonsville, Crownsville, Dundalk, Frederick, Ocean City & Parkville!

Yours in love and service,

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Delegate Travels...

- 3/18 – Group anniversary, Rising Sun
- 3/22-4 – SENY Convention, Tarrytown NY
- 3/25 – MGS IGLC conference call
- 3/30 – CARC 2, Lothian
- 4/02 – D32/OCAA IG meeting, Ocean City
- 4/03 – D34 meeting, Brooklyn
- 4/04 – CARC 1, Easton
- 4/06 – BICAA workshop, Parkville
- 4/07 – CARC 4, Frederick
- 4/08 – Baltimore IG
- 4/13 – CARC 2, Lothian
- 4/14 – CARC 3, Parkville
- 4/19 – Baltimore Institution Committee
- 4/27 – Area 29 Mini-Conference
- 4/29 – MGS IGLC conference call
- 5/04 – WCI workshop, Frederick
- 5/04 – A13 Mini-Conference, Silver Spring
- 5/04 – BICAA Sobriety Show, Parkville
- 5/11 – NEMD workshop, Aberdeen
- 5/13 – Baltimore IG
- 5/19-25 – General Service Conference