
Delegate Report – Area Committee, July 21, 2018



Panel 68, Area 29

Maryland General Service, Inc.

Thank you for your commitment to service! Your attendance at the Area Committee meeting is a critical link in our chain of communications within the U.S.-Canada service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. Please take information from this meeting to your districts, intergroups, and groups and come back to the Area Assembly on August 18 with feedback from the group level. Please attend one or more of our Conference Agenda Review Committees (CARCs) and help develop the Agenda for the 2019 General Service Conference. Communication needs to work in both directions on our inverted service triangle!

General Service Board News

- The original printer's copy manuscript of the Big Book sold at a May 5 public auction for \$2.4 million to a private buyer. Our GSO Archives policy does not permit us to accept or display any archival material on loan.
- The new video PSA "Changes" is in post-production and the recently-approved young people's video is being added to *aa.org*.
- Final site selection for the A.A. International Convention in 2030 has been narrowed to Indianapolis, IN, or St. Louis, MO. The 2020 International will be in Detroit, MI, and the 2025 I.C. in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

68th General Service Conference

Our 68th General Service Conference, "A.A. – A Solution for All Generations," was held in New York City on April 21-28. The Conference *Final Report* of the 56 Advisory Actions, 103 Committee Considerations, corporate board reports, presentations, workshops, and other activities at the Conference will be released within the next few weeks. Over two dozen report back visits on the results of this year's Conference have been delivered all over Area 29. The Conference is currently utilizing its new polling process to address a scheduling error which could result in a late May Conference in 2019. For more info, attend the next CARC or send an email to delegate@marylandaa.org.

A.A. World Service, Inc. News

Archives: Staff has responded to over 670 inquiries this year. A project to decipher and type 92 handwritten letters from Dr. Bob to Ruth Hock, Bobbie B. or Bill W. between 1938 and 1950 has been completed.

Corrections: After filling 645 requests for Corrections Correspondence Service volunteers in 2018, there is still a waiting list of over 100 incarcerated male members. To help meet this need, contact corrections@aa.org.

International: Preparations continue for the 25th World Service Meeting from October 7-11, 2018 in Durban, South Africa.

Anonymity Poster Sale!

This poster highlighting the importance of online and social media anonymity will be coming soon from GSO. 8.5"x11" placard for \$8.50. 11"x17" version at \$11.00.



Nominating: At our October 29 Assembly, we will choose an Area 29 candidate to stand for Northeast Regional Trustee, to be elected during the 69th General Service Conference.

Publishing: April gross sales of \$1,137,668 were 0.88% above budget. Online sales account for 68% of all sales, with \$510,870 in bulk sales (mostly to intergroups) and \$248,874 in sales to individual customers. E-book sales through April stood at \$75,050, with 19,156 units distributed.

Translations: The first copy of the 14-CD Navajo audiobook was presented to the Navajo Nation on May 5. The 69th GSC theme is "Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages." Translation projects are underway in Brazil, Bali, Czech Republic, Denmark, Morocco, Poland & Ukraine.

Website: A redesigned *aa.org* should launch in late 2018, along with a free App that will include a Meeting Guide, Big Book, *Daily Reflections*, and alert/messaging capabilities.

Financial Summary: Unaudited gross sales through April 2018 were \$10,912 behind budget (-0.88%), contributions were \$136,213 ahead of budget (+5.32%), and total operating expenses were \$102,119 over budget (+1.70%). Net loss for the first four months of 2018 was \$64,895, significantly below the budgeted forecast of \$117,685. Total revenue is \$154,909 ahead of budget. Support for the La Viña service activity is now included on GSO financial statements; the four month La Viña expense of \$94,667 is less than the budgeted loss of \$154,137. As anticipated when 8 staff positions were added in 2017, salaries were over budget by \$46,386.

Area 29 Contributions to GSO: The June 2018 Quarterly Contribution Reports provided by AAWS were emailed to all DCMs on July 19 to share with GSRs. Area 29 Group contributions to GSO in the first half of 2018 totaled \$44,343.54, with 29.28% (294 of 1,004) groups contributing, down very slightly from the first six months of 2016 & 2017. Most notably, District 37 has had contributions from 52.94% of its groups in 2018.

There's still time to participate in the 2018 Challenge to send GSO the per-member cost of services (\$7.40, or some multiple of that number) during the month of July. Just go to aa.org and choose *Make a Contribution*. You also can show your gratitude with a Recurring Contribution. It all takes less than 5 minutes!



A.A. Grapevine, Inc. News

Area 29 Shines in Grapevine!

Check out the new August issue of *Grapevine* and you'll find two written submissions on service from members in Area 29, plus a photograph of a local meeting place. Instead of a cake or card, why not give the gift of Grapevine during the next anniversary celebration at your home group? You can help Area 29 win the *2018 Subscription Challenge!* For more information, go to aagrapevine.org.

Northeast Region News

NERAASA 2019 ~ Preparations continue for Area 29 to host NERAASA in Hunt Valley, MD from February 22-24, 2019. The NERAASA 2019 Host Committee team meets monthly on the third Sunday. Find out more at neraasa.org.

ICYPAA ~ The 60th International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held at the Baltimore Hilton from August 30-September 2, 2018. There are no age limits; the only requirements to attend are a desire to stay sober and a willingness to grow. Registration is only \$30 and includes free parking! To register, reserve a room, volunteer for service or ask a question, go to 60th.icypaa.org.

Around Area 29

Feel free to invite me to your group, district, intergroup, committee, or fellowship activity to discuss any aspect of service. I am especially interested in helping to re-light districts that have not been active recently in general service. It is truly awe-inspiring to watch a dormant service body come to life and help carry A.A.'s message of love and service to other alcoholics. We have recently seen a resurgence of general service activity in Districts 3, 4, 14, 17, 18, and 34. Now, let's get things going again in Districts 15, 23, 24, 27, 38, and 46, as well! If you know any GSRs in those districts, please ask them to contact either me or our Area 29 ad hoc Outreach Committee at outreach@marylandaa.org.

I urge you exercise your right and responsibility to participate in one of the upcoming CARC meetings over the next few weeks!

Yours in love and service,

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Delegate Travels...

- 7/21 - Area Committee, Smithsburg
- 7/25 - West Central IG, Frederick, 6-8 pm
- 7/28 - CARC 3, Baltimore, 2-4 pm
- 7/29 - CARC 4, Frederick, 2-4 pm
- 8/01 - District 22, Annapolis, 6:30 pm
- 8/04 - District 33, Cockeysville, 11 am
- 8/04 - CARC 2, West River, 3-5 pm
- 8/09 - District 4, Towson, 7 pm
- 8/14 - Area Assembly, Severna Park
- 8/24-25 - Incredible Tapestry, Raynham, MA
- 8/30-9/02 - 60th ICYPAA, Baltimore
- 9/04-09 - Sessions by the Sea, Ocean City