

# Area 29, Panel 72

July 2022

## Delegate Report



*Welcome all to our July Area Committee. I especially want to welcome any new DCM's and GSR's, and anyone else new to Area Service. We need you! Area 29 is blessed to have a wonderful collection of Trusted Servants. I enjoy serving with all. Thank you all for your service! As we enter the heat of summer, I pray that we all remember that the need for service never takes a vacation. However, we as humans do occasionally need a short break to recharge. DCM's rely on your Alternates. Committee Chairs rely on your Co-Chairs. We are all here to help each other.*

### New & Exciting

The 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference is in the books! It was held live, in Brooklyn NY, Apr. 24-30, 2022. At the General Service Board (GSB) and General Service Office (GSO) they are now working to implement all the work that was sent their way by the Conference. Some of the items approved at Conference will require significant changes in how they operate, particularly regarding translation. Background material for next year's conference will now be released simultaneously in all three languages (French, Spanish and English). While the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for release of background material in English is no longer in effect, our GSO is reviewing their processes as they try to get all three languages out as expeditiously as possible.

As Delegate I provided a full report regarding the General Service Conference at our May Assembly. Since then, I've been meeting with Intergroups and Districts to provide abbreviated reports. I also provided an abbreviated report at our State Convention. More such reports are on my calendar. The Conference Report will soon be published. A digital, anonymity protected, copy should be available by mid-August and will be posted to our website. And, file size permitting, it will be emailed to our Area mailing list. I also ordered 400 copies of printed reports, which will be distributed around the Area. Printed copies should be available sometime in September, although no firm date is yet available. Please help pass the information along. It is incumbent upon all of us to be links in the communications chain.

The 2025 International Convention will be held July 3-6, 2025, in Vancouver Canada. GSO has posted a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document on AA.org, to help those with questions



regarding travel and border crossing, as well as other questions on other topics. General registration and housing information will be available on the International Convention webpage in early 2024. Actual registration site links, forms, and hotel booking links will be communicated to the Fellowship in August/September 2024. And at some point in coming months there will be a survey of membership encompassing a wide variety of activities for the convention. If you are thinking of attending, please be on the lookout. This is your chance to participate in the planning.

## General Service Board & GSO

Our General Service Board met on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, for the first time since the close of Conference meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. At the June meeting the primary task was on-boarding of newly elected Trustees and new Directors, as well as strategic planning.

### AA In the News

Medical News Today [published an article](#) on ‘dry drunk syndrome’, noting that the term was originally developed by Alcoholics Anonymous, and that some professionals now consider it stigmatizing and discourage it’s use.

The General Service Board will meet again on July 28<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> for strategic planning, including reviewing financial data for the first six months of the year, reviewing direction provided by the General Service Conference, and determining any need for a reforecast budget.

There is an upcoming vacancy for a Class B (Alcoholic) Regional Trustee for the Northeast Region, beginning after the 2023 General Service Conference. An announcement was sent out on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We are planning an election during the Oct. 2022 Assembly to elect a candidate for Area 29 to put forth at next year’s General Service Conference. If you are considering standing, I’d like to know by the end of September if possible, so we can organize a smooth election.

### Calls for Stories:

1. Fifth edition of our Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Deadline for submission is October 31, 2022. For more information please see the [announcement](#) on AA.org.
2. Fourth edition of the Spanish language version of our Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*. The submission deadline is December 15, 2022. Details can be found [here](#).
3. Upcoming revision to “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic”. Deadline for submission is October 31, 2022 and details can be found [here](#).

**Request for Shared Experience:** The AAWS Subcommittee on Self-Support is looking for additional shared experience regarding the use virtual baskets. Their earlier request resulted in 66 responses, but they’d like to hear from more Group Treasurers, District Treasurers, Intergroup Treasurers and Area Treasurers. Experiences should be sent to: Eileen A. at [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org)

## Financial Update



This information (unaudited) is as of May 31, 2022:

- Contributions: \$4.2 million (42% of budget)
- Literature Sales: \$4.7 million (43% of budget)
- Payroll & Benefits: \$3.7 million (37% of budget)
- Overall Expenses: \$6.7 million (38% of budget)
- Deficit YTD: \$46,000
- Prudent Reserve: Approx. 7.64 months

The mailing address for sending 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions to GSO:

Post Office Box 2407  
James A. Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

Online contributions can be made [here](#).

## Publishing & Grapevine

As of July 13th, hardcover English Big Books were back in stock after having been out of stock for several weeks. Other formats, including softcover and large print were available. Hardcover and large print 12 & 12's were out of stock as of July 13<sup>th</sup>, with the softcover version available.

### Coming Soon from Publishing:

1. Our Great Responsibility – eBook format

### AA Grapevine Upcoming Magazine Topics:

1. July: Spirituality
2. August: Making Amends

Grapevine is looking for stories of experience with each Step and Tradition. Pick your favorite and write about your experience. They are also looking for jokes (as am I 😊).

### Upcoming Grapevine Books, Planned for 2023 (or later):

1. *Best of Dear Grapevine*.
2. *Book for Newcomers*

### AA La Viña Upcoming Magazine Topics:

1. July – Aug.: Prison Issue

### Upcoming La Viña Books, Planned for 2022:

1. *Emotional Sobriety* (Fall release)

### Upcoming La Viña Books, Planned for 2023 (or later)

1. *Best of La Viña*
2. *Prayer and Meditation*

### New and Updated Pamphlets Now Available:

1. P-9 Behind the Walls: A Message of Hope
2. P-42 A Brief Guide to A.A.
3. P-43 Twelve Traditions Illustrated

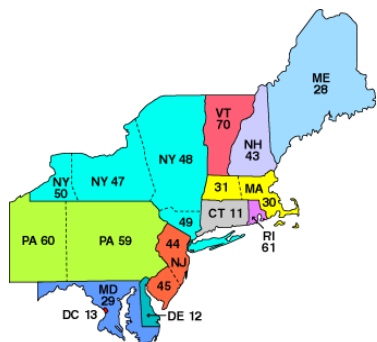
### *Did You Know?*

*Grapevine has now surpassed 6,000 followers on Instagram, with La Viña at over 700.*

*The Grapevine Podcast reached a milestone too, with over 50,000 downloads.*

**Mixed-Title Volume Discount Test Pilot** – A six-month test pilot is currently running through September 15, 2022. Orders will receive a quantity discount based on the quantity ordered for all titles combined, as opposed to purchasing a quantity of one specific title.

**Supply Chain Disruptions** – Supply chain disruptions continue to be a challenge faced by A.A.W.S. and Grapevine. Hardcover Big Books were out of stock for several months over the winter months and again recently. Daily Reflections, As Bill Sees It, Dr. Bob & the Good Oldtimers, and other popular titles are or were also out of stock. They are working through the disruptions as best they can. Please be patient.



## Northeast Region Update & NERD Happenings

NERAASA 2023 will be hosted by Area 48 Northeast New York (NENY) in Albany NY, Feb. 24-26, 2023. I hope to see many of you there. Registration is now open at: [neraasa.org/register/2023](https://neraasa.org/register/2023)

NERAASA 2024 will be hosted by Area 59 Eastern Pennsylvania in Hershey PA.

During the General Service Conference, a vote was held and NERAASA 2025 was awarded to Area 13 District of Columbia.

AA in Lancaster's (PA) 75th Anniversary Celebration! Theme is: Keeping It Simple for 75 Years. August 26 & 27, 2022. For more information a [flyer](#) is available.

I encourage all to visit websites of neighboring Areas for more information on upcoming virtual and live events.

## Outside our Region

The National A.A. Technology Workshop, hosted by Area 72 Western Washington, will be held September 9-11 in Seattle WA and online. For more info and to register visit [NAATW.org](https://naatw.org)

The 62ND ICYPAA (International Convention of Young People in AA) will be held in New Orleans LA, September 1-4, 2022. For more information or to register visit [icpyaa.org](https://icpyaa.org).

The 30th annual National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention will be held August 18 - 21, 2022 in Las Vegas NV. All A.A. Members are welcome. Visit [www.nai-aa.com](https://www.nai-aa.com) for more information.

## Area 29 Conference Agenda Review Committees (CARC's)

The 2022 CARC process is now winding down, although as a year-round process it never ends. I would like to thank all of those who participated in the pre-conference meetings. At the General Service Conference, I felt very well prepared, in large part due to the thorough reviews of background material presented in the CARC meetings. Our Alternate Delegate, Terry P., did a fabulous job coordinating this incredibly important process. Mentors and CARC Leaders all did a great job!

CARC Reconvenes are now underway. These meetings provide the opportunity to hear details on Conference actions for each of the agenda items reviewed during the pre-

conference meetings. They are also valuable opportunities to develop and review potential agenda items for next year's conference.

## Travels & Activities

Apr. 6 – District 41 Mtg.  
Apr. 9 – Area 29 Mini-Conference  
Apr. 12 – District 36 Mtg.  
Apr. 18 – GSC Corrections Committee Mtg  
Apr. 22-30 – General Service Conference  
May 7 – DCM's & Alternates Mtg  
May 8 – International Corrections Mtg  
May 9 – Baltimore Intergroup Mtg  
May 12 – District 4 Reactivate Election  
May 15 – Delegates Meeting w/Trustee  
May 17 – District 9 Mtg & GSR Workshop  
May 21 – Area Assembly Report Back  
May 24 – Northeast MD IG Mtg  
May 28 – District 19 Report Back  
June 4 - DCM's & Alternates Mtg  
June 4 – District 10 7th Trad. Workshop  
June 6 – Intergroup Liaison Committee  
June 14 – District 42 Report Back

June 15 – District 28 Report Back  
June 16 – West Central IG Report Back  
June 24-26 – Maryland State Convention  
June 29 – CARC 4 Reconvene  
June 30 – CARC 3 Reconvene  
July 2 – District 10 Report Back  
July 9 - DCM's & Alternates Mtg  
July 7 – District 35 Report Back  
July 13 – District 22 Report Back  
July 16 – Area Committee  
July 17 - Delegates Meeting w/Trustee  
July 19 – District 9 Report Back  
July 24 – Hagerstown Intergroup  
July 26 – CARC 2 Reconvene  
July 27 – District 6 Report Back  
Aug 6 - DCM's & Alternates Mtg  
Aug. 13 - Area Assembly

**If you would like a visit to your Group, District or Intergroup please contact me at: [delegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:delegate@marylandaa.org).**

“To be vital, faith must be accompanied by self-sacrifice and unselfish, constructive action.”  
– *Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 93*

Respectfully Submitted,

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