



Alcoholics Anonymous
Area 29

Maryland General Service, Inc.

Delegate Report Area 29 Panel 74

December, 2025

Humility in Action



The Spirit of Rotation reminds us that AA service is a shared journey. We take on responsibilities for a time, then step aside so others can grow, discover their gifts, and bring new ideas. Rotation keeps us humble, helps prevent burnout, and reinforces that no one person is meant to run the show.

With kindness, we pass along what we've learned and welcome new trusted servants, supporting smooth, respectful transitions. By doing so, we strengthen unity and keep service a gift we temporarily hold—then gratefully pass on so our Fellowship can continue to flourish.



General Service

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Quarterly Report from GSO

ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF AREA 29, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC., A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

General Service Board Meeting
The General Service Board of Area 29 met on Monday, December 15, 2025, at the Maryland General Service, Inc. (MGS) offices in Annapolis, Maryland. The meeting was held in person and was attended by 12 members of the General Service Board, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and members of the Finance, Public Relations, and Information Technology Committees. The meeting was chaired by the President, Dr. [Name]. The agenda for the meeting included the following items: 1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. 2. Report of the Treasurer. 3. Report of the Secretary. 4. Report of the Public Relations Committee. 5. Report of the Information Technology Committee. 6. Discussion of the upcoming year-end meeting. 7. Discussion of the upcoming year-end report. 8. Discussion of the upcoming year-end budget. 9. Discussion of the upcoming year-end financial statements. 10. Discussion of the upcoming year-end audit. 11. Discussion of the upcoming year-end evaluation. 12. Discussion of the upcoming year-end reflection. The meeting concluded with a prayer and a benediction. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.

AAWS HIGHLIGHTS Business of the Board

AAWS Board of Directors
Ken T. Adams, Chair; John C. O'Leary, Matt E. O'Leary, Ryan J. Conroy, W. John W. Bob W.

AAWS Meeting Committee
The AAWS Meeting Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of the AAWS meeting. The committee members are: [List of names]. The committee met on [Date] to discuss the upcoming meeting. The meeting will be held on [Date] at [Location]. The committee will continue to work on the details of the meeting.

AAWS Finance Committee
The AAWS Finance Committee is responsible for the financial management of the AAWS. The committee members are: [List of names]. The committee met on [Date] to discuss the upcoming meeting. The meeting will be held on [Date] at [Location]. The committee will continue to work on the details of the meeting.

AAWS Public Relations Committee
The AAWS Public Relations Committee is responsible for the public relations of the AAWS. The committee members are: [List of names]. The committee met on [Date] to discuss the upcoming meeting. The meeting will be held on [Date] at [Location]. The committee will continue to work on the details of the meeting.

AAWS Information Technology Committee
The AAWS Information Technology Committee is responsible for the information technology of the AAWS. The committee members are: [List of names]. The committee met on [Date] to discuss the upcoming meeting. The meeting will be held on [Date] at [Location]. The committee will continue to work on the details of the meeting.



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AAGRAPEVINE

La Vitis Celebrates 25 Years of Service to A.A.'s Spanish-speaking Community

La Vitis, the Spanish-language newsletter for AA, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2025. The newsletter has been a vital resource for the Spanish-speaking community in AA, providing news, information, and support. The 25th anniversary issue featured a special double-page spread with photos and stories from the community. The newsletter is published quarterly and is available in both print and digital formats. The success of La Vitis is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the staff and volunteers who have made it what it is today.

About AA A NEWSLETTER FOR PROFESSIONALS

Technology, Professionals and A.A.

SHARING FROM BEHIND THE WALLS

AAWS Board of Directors

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[GSO employment announcements](#)



General Service Highlights

- Archives is moving forward with a multi-year audiovisual preservation project, including inventorying analog recordings and planning digital migration for long-term access.
- G.S.O. is seeing rapid growth in digital communication from incarcerated individuals, prompting exploration of new technology tools for Corrections correspondence and support.
- A.A.W.S. approved production of the Plain Language Big Book audiobook (budgeted at \$20,000) and permanently reduced the price of the Commemorative First Edition Big Book reprint to \$2
- The Public Information Committee approved adapting three Australian A.A. PSA videos (“Are you risking your job?”, “Are you a danger to your family?”, “Cham-pain”) for use in the U.S. and Canada, ensuring they remain consistent with A.A.’s principles of attraction rather than promotion.
- A new 2026 Membership Survey is being developed using random-sampling methodology, including two dedicated subcommittees—one for survey content and one for methodology—to update the questions and sampling approach.



NORTHEAST REGIONAL FORUM (NERF)

December 5-7, 2025 Omni Providence Hotel, Providence, RI

621 total
289 first time attendees
155 live stream

- “It’s a whole other level of commitment and love”
- “The forum has helped me grow in service and feel like I truly belong”
- “It’s amazing to see and hear the love for Alcoholics Anonymous”
- “The love and tolerance of those in service have allowed me to participate in service at the level I am able and grow in my recovery”
- “I love that you turn in your chair and you listen to us”
- “Service events like NERF help remind me that I’m here to help save people’s lives”
- “I can see what the general service structure looks like in the service manual, but at NERF I was able to see it as a tangible thing. And meet the people who put lives into that.”
- “You can pretend to care, but you can’t pretend to show up.”

Workshops

AA Meetings

Panels

Presentations

Fellowship

Sharing Sessions

GSB Finances

End of 3rd Quarter Unaudited Financial Statement

- Contributions - **\$7.1M , 11 % less than budgeted**; 13% Less than 2024
- Gross Literature Sales - \$11.95M 7% Greater than budget; 11% Greater than 2024
- Net Literature Sales - \$5.965M, 4% less than budget; 2% Greater than 2024
- Operating expenses - \$13.65M, 3% less than budget; 2% more than 2024
- Grapevine Operating Deficit - **\$300K** deficit.
 - * Subscriptions
 - * 41,643 Print
 - * 17,058 App/Online **Slightly under forecast**
- La Vina Operating Deficit - **\$363K** deficit.
 - * Subscriptions 8,035.

Reserve Fund:

- * 6.2 months operating expenses.
- **A major Reserve Fund drawdown of up to \$2.45 million was proposed** to support the G.S.O. office retrofit and stabilize Grapevine operations, which would temporarily reduce coverage to about 5.1 months.

Gratitude Letter from GSO



[Letter](#)

- Contributions have dropped sharply in 2025, putting essential GSO and Grapevine services at risk.
- Literature income is significantly lower than historical levels, averaging \$1.5 million less per year than 2015–2019.
- Despite strong expense management and inflation adjustments, combined income is nearly \$1 million below last year.
- GSO appeals to the Fellowship for special contributions during Gratitude Month to help sustain vital services.

Call for stories

“A.A. for the Asian and Asian-American Alcoholic.



[Pamphlet](#)

“A.A. for the Transgender Alcoholic ”



[Pamphlet](#)

NERAASA Northeast Region A.A. Service Assembly

February 20-22 Portland, Maine

NERAASA 2026

Host: Area 28 Maine

(neraasa.org)



[Registration](#)



Delegate Activity

Recent		Upcoming	
Oct 15	Conference Literature cmte	Jan 1, 2026	Become a past delegate
Nov 7-11	NAATW Cincinnati		
Nov 9	NERD Mtg		
Nov 15	Area cmte		
Dec 3	D4 Report back		
Dec 4-7	NERF		
Dec 10	General Service Conference Zoom		

Respectfully submitted,
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Always available to come to your District meeting, Committee meeting, Home group or anywhere I can be of service.