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AREA 12 - DELAWARE GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
DELEGATE'S REPORT
AREA COMMITTEE - March 8, 2025

1. Everything Agenda Items.

a. Agenda Item topic Summaries

- i. Pam's summaries are specifically on our Area's assigned topics; includes pros and cons as conversation starters - groups/districts should all their perspectives on pros and cons in their discussions. These are in the respective Districts' Dropbox folders and available for all Districts to review.
- ii. Recently sent summaries for all final agenda items created by Area 6 in California. I also placed them in the 75th GSC Material general folder and annotated it as INFO. They DO NOT mirror our assignments. You will see that they aren't discussing some of the items we are and vice-versa. Please use this as information and don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.
- iii. If you have interest in any agenda item not on our Area list, you can either ask for it to be included in your District discussion and present it at the Assembly by notifying Pamela for inclusion on the mini-conference agenda, or email me directly and I will include it in my conference folder

- b. I raised an issue with the Trustees conference committee on the two Founders writings agenda items – it's a cross-over issue where they included proposals for a conference supermajority to change literature



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with the request to protect the literature by amending the conference charter – the one that says the Steps and Traditions may not be changed without the approval of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the groups in the world.

- i. In R&C Item B – Amending the conference charter, lead PAI 81, they included PAI 15 (same as the floor action) which requires a supermajority $\frac{3}{4}$ instead of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the conference.
- ii. In P&A Item E – Requiring a supermajority to change founders writings, lead PAI 36, they included PAI's 93 and 96 which were requests to have either $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of the groups in the world or in the US/Canada's approval before changes are made to the founders writings.
- iii. My concern – it is necessary to untangle the two topics for sake of clarity and committee reporting at conference. As they are, it is possible for the two committees to be confused by the cross-overs and report on a single issue. The two topics are independent. If one succeeds, the other would likely be unnecessary. Additionally, the sequence of committee reports at conference is determined at the conference and they do not follow their numerical/alphabetical order.
- iv. I'm awaiting a further response. My request, I was told, would be taken up at Thursday's (3/6/25) Trustee conference committee meeting. I then received an email from the conference coordinator that she and the Trustee chair needed a few days to review.
- v. What does this mean for us now? I suggest that District 15 ensure the separation of the topics and report on them as separate concerns so it is clear to the Assembly when we discuss them at our mini conference. Similarly, all other Districts that



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are looking at these items should review them as I suggested.

- c. I've asked the past delegates to discuss two items related to the conference process and procedure; and I will be meeting with them following this Area Committee meeting.
 - d. I also asked Chiara that she and the officers discuss one or two agenda items, one relating to finance, that I have yet to assign.
 - e. Any Districts want additional agenda items? I do have some remaining ones from Finance, EDW Literature & Reports.
 - f. We are awaiting release of list of all PAI's submitted for the 75th conference: topics and outcomes. It was due Feb 24- 28 but Conference committee running behind. One of my main interests in seeing this list is to find out what they did with the bulk of the 74th conference unheard floor actions that were committed to the Trustees committees.
 - g. As a side note, the conference committee released the PAI form for the 76th GSC in 2026. The conference process is all year round and PAI's are accepted all year round. The cut-off date is to ensure that items are considered for the following calendar year's conference. Anything after the cut-off date – currently September 30th is placed on the list for the following year's conference. The forms are available in PDF fillable forms and online fillable. The PDFs, in English and Spanish, are attached; and the online ones are linked here in [English](#), and here in [Spanish](#).
2. NERAASA – great success in my view. They did get their minimum (800) met and way above. It exceeded 1,100 registrations. Anyone want to guess when that happened? Last minute registrations.



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- a. Delaware has not had a NERAASA since 1993; NERAASA has grown to over 1,000 people every year in recent history, and Delaware doesn't seem to have the venue to accommodate such a big crowd.
- b. Area 28, Maine is hosting in 2026 (Portland) and Area 49, SENY in 2027 (Tarrytown). Vying for 2028 is Area 61 Rhode Island and Area 11 Connecticut.
- c. In 2030, since there will be an international convention (in St. Louis), it may be the next opportunity to do NERAASA virtually. Maybe that is something for Delaware to consider. Bids will have to be placed for the 2027 Conference.
- d. The 2025 virtual NERAASA was facilitated by the same company that did the one for Eastern PA during the Pandemic; they are AA friendly.

3. Recent announcements – In your mailbox:

- a. 3 new literature items available: Black in AA pamphlet; Literature workbook; and Spanish daily reflections in large print.
- b. GSO group contribution reports in Fellowship Connections. Anyone not getting them? Let me or Fran Know.

4. No NERD online meetings in March or April; May TBD as of now. At the last one, on February 16th and at NERAASA round table, we discussed:

- a. Trustee at large nominee resumes for NER will not be released until trustees nominating committee releases them (likely by conference). Politicking is the concern, so there will be no separate meeting at NERD for all Delegates to review and discuss.

Note: The names of candidates from each region are listed in the



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Trustees Conference Committee Background information (Item A3).
From the NE Region, there are 10 candidates, including our own Buck R. (Panel 54).

- b. Draft minutes of Trustees Budget and Finance committee meeting at last Board weekend (end of January) seem to have been leaked – minutes not complete; delegates don't have final copies yet.

5. GSC online sharing session, February 26th:

- a. Theme, How to Make Most of Our Time at Conference. This was to help us address the lingering effect of last year's running out of time and not considering 11 of the 15 floor actions.
- b. Scott, GSB chair, said there is enough time at conference and we should not be repetitive in our sharing among other things. Scott later shared that prior to the GSC sharing session, the board had its 12th meeting outside of its quarterly board weekends.
- c. John W., a NTD (Non-Trustee Director), stated that the conference charter acknowledges the need for debate but we also ought to use the set-aside prayer.
- d. Nicholas, an Area Delegate (who is also on the Finance committee with me) talked about remembering that our focus is doing the work of AA, not the business of AA; that the latter is the function of the board. To listen to the voices of the conference as if we don't know anything and that will bring about information to make a decision – to refrain from debate. Wise words... though I shudder to think whether there would have been a conference if Bill W. did not debate the need for a conference regularly with the Alcoholic Foundation and his dear friend Dr. Bob; and what would AA be like now if we had no



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conference.

- e. One delegate said we ought to consider this question when at conference: Am I here to make a difference, or am I here to make a point?
- f. There was much sharing on and off topic: one delegate said that there is too much haste at conference; that major issues should be taken much slower. The reference was to the PLBB and other changes, even those that were in the pipeline for a while. The delegate was also referencing more inclusion, by process, of course, of more components of the Fellowship: the groups. Another delegate talked about the waste of time at conference; we spend too much time on routine matters and ignore more important matters that are raised by the groups.
- g. My share was about groups wondering what happened to their PAI's. Attached for your perusal.
- h. Why do I tell you about the conference meeting. Is it just delegate stuff – just things delegates need to be concerned about at or for conference? Or is it about the wisdom of others experience that maybe applicable to all levels in the service triangle: at Groups, Districts, and Assemblies. And, maybe, things I should be listening to.



- 6. Financials for 2024 have not been shared with us yet; and we have not received the January board meeting minutes. Next Tuesday, March 11th, I'm attending an online Conference Finance Committee meeting. Kevin Prior, Class A Trustee, AA Treasurer and Chair of the Trustees Committee on Budget and Finance, will be attending to answer our questions.



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7. Activities – Visit to District 13 next week to address new GSRs. Not a training session.
8. Remember the access to my always available delegate reports on our website? [Click here or go to Delegate's page on our website.](#)

Gratefully,
Ilir T. - Delegate, Panel 74

GSC Online Sharing Session – February 26, 2025

Topic: Making the best use of our conference time

Thank you for a great, timely and relevant topic tonight. The presentations were great. And, I'm always amazed when I review all the information provided to us in preparation for conference; the activities of the conference; and post conference activities – all year round. Without trying to minimize the tremendous work the board and staff do to facilitate each year's conference, I would be remiss if I don't say that there is room for improvement concerning some serious issues that need to be addressed, especially in light of this year's theme of increasing trust. Groups ask, what happened to my PAI? All many of us can say in most cases is that the trustees committee decided not forward them to the conference and, unfortunately, the only take-a-way for them is that it was disapproved. In this light, the trustees are seen not as servants of the Groups or AA, but as arbiters of the Fellowship's interests.

Case in point: Trustee chairs meet with conference committees to get feedback on PAI's before deciding whether or not to forward any to conference. But no background information is provided or shared and when requested, they are not furnished. This is the antithesis of making decisions or seeking feedback of an informed committee's conscience. Realizing the workload and, more importantly, the tight time frames, the conference committee I'm on, I'm sure, would be open to working with trustees on this issue. Absent respecting the conference committees' needs and decisions, the trustee chairs meeting is reduced to a pro-forma process to make it appear that there is genuine consultation with a conference committee on matters raised by the fellowship.

Let's do better. And, if we must, let's reorganize – not in a punitive way – but in a common-sense way to make the process more effective.

**Formulario para remisión de puntos de agenda propuestos (PAI) para la
Conferencia de Servicios Generales (CSG)**

Remisión de PAI

La fecha límite para el envío de puntos de agenda propuestos (PAI, por su sigla en inglés) es el 30 de septiembre, para la Conferencia de Servicios Generales siguiente.
Los envíos recibidos luego de la fecha límite serán considerados en el año siguiente.

Fecha límite de recepción: 30 de septiembre*

Reciba un cordial saludo de la asignación de Conferencia en la OSG.

Muchas gracias por tomarse el tiempo para considerar una propuesta de política que podría ser beneficiosa para Alcohólicos Anónimos en nuestra estructura de servicios de Estados Unidos y Canadá.

Esta es una muy buena oportunidad para que la voz de su grupo sea escuchada.

Todas las partes de nuestra Comunidad —las reuniones de grupo, comités, Conferencias y puestos de servicio en los grupos— comparten un propósito común: ayudar al alcohólico que aún sufre.

De acuerdo con nuestras Doce Tradiciones y nuestros Doce Conceptos, necesitamos un sistema de comunicación que nos permita averiguar qué piensa AA en su totalidad sobre sus asuntos mundiales y de qué forma quiere actuar. La Conferencia de Servicios Generales funciona como la conciencia de grupo de AA para Estados Unidos y Canadá.

Los recursos mencionados a continuación están disponibles en inglés, español y francés, en el sitio web de la OSG, www.aa.org.

La participación en el proceso de la Conferencia es un esfuerzo cooperativo a lo largo de todo el año.

Si bien la Conferencia solo se reúne seis días al año, sus aproximadamente 135 miembros se mantienen activos con los asuntos de la misma durante todo el año. Cada grupo de AA comparte su experiencia con otros grupos por medio de su delegado de área a la Conferencia.

Mi punto de agenda propuso (PAI, por su sigla en inglés), ¿viene a ser un asunto de política?

Para que AA maneje sus propios asuntos, cada grupo de AA necesita hacer que su voz sea escuchada en lo que respecta a las políticas generales de AA. Las propuestas, tales como decisiones sobre políticas o solicitudes de cambios a la literatura aprobada por la Conferencia, y puntos que pudieran apelar a la conciencia colectiva de la Comunidad, son importantes para el futuro de Alcohólicos Anónimos. Para entender mejor cómo funciona la presentación de las propuestas de puntos de agenda en general, visite la sección, "Origen de los puntos de agenda" en [El Manual de Servicio de AA](#) en la página 42.

¿Quién participa en el envío de puntos de agenda propuestos (PAI)?

Los grupos, distritos y áreas de AA: Para entrar en contacto con su RSG, comité de distrito, o de área o su delegado local, visite el enlace: "[Lista de los sitios web de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales.](#)" Estos servidores de confianza de AA locales se esfuerzan por ayudarle a elaborar las propuestas de puntos de agenda (PAI, por su sigla en inglés), hablan sobre los materiales de referencia de la Conferencia y ayudan al delegado a prepararse para la CSG.

Individuos miembros de AA: Los miembros de AA pueden participar personalmente en el proceso de la Conferencia enviando un punto de agenda propuesto. Todos los puntos de agenda propuestos deben ser recibidos hasta el 30 de septiembre de 2025, a las 11:59 p. m. a más tardar, o bien antes. Los PAI recibidos luego de esta fecha límite serán tenidos en cuenta para la Conferencia de Servicios Generales de 2027.

Nota: Aunque todos los puntos son recibidos imparcialmente, la experiencia ha demostrado que las ideas se benefician en gran medida del valor de una conciencia amplia de grupo. Considere si querría (y con quién) sostener un debate de conciencia de grupo sobre el punto de agenda propuesto, antes de remitirlo.

¿Qué sucede luego de haber enviado un punto de agenda propuesto (PAI)?

Su propuesta será enviada al comité de custodios o a la junta correspondiente para ser tratada en su próxima reunión. Luego de dicha reunión, la secretaria del comité se podrá en contacto con usted para comunicarle el resultado de las deliberaciones del comité.

Información compartida y recursos de AA adicionales

Gracias a las contribuciones de los AA de todo EE. UU. y Canadá, aquí encontrará una serie de recursos de la OSG que incluyen compartimiento sobre cómo participar en el proceso de la Conferencia:

Lecturas: [“El Manual de Servicio de AA”](#), [“Círculos de amor y servicio”](#) y [“El grupo de AA”](#)

Video: [“Su Oficina de Servicios Generales \(OSG\), el Grapevine y la estructura de servicios generales”](#)

Audio: [“Forma larga de las Doce Tradiciones”](#)

1) Remita la moción con una redacción clara y concisa. Área (si corresponde)
2) Este punto propuesto, ¿a qué problema responde?
3) ¿Qué nivel de conciencia de grupo—si fue el caso—discutió el punto de agenda propuesto? Defina con claridad quién está remitiendo el punto: un individuo, un grupo, un distrito, un área, etcétera.
<i>Nota: Aunque todos los puntos son recibidos imparcialmente, la experiencia ha demostrado que las ideas se benefician en gran medida del valor de una conciencia amplia de grupo. Considere si querría (y con quién) sostener un debate de conciencia de grupo sobre el punto de agenda propuesto, antes de remitirlo.</i>
4) Proporcione información de referencia que describa y respalde las razones de la propuesta. Haga una lista de material de referencia que se incluye con la propuesta:
5) ¿Qué resultado se persigue o espera de ser aprobado este punto propuesto?

6) Proporcione los datos de una persona para contactarla en referencia a esta solicitud.
<i>Lo que envíe puede ser utilizado como material de referencia para el comité de custodios y ser distribuido ampliamente como material de referencia para la CSG. Antes de hacer una distribución amplia, eliminaremos el apellido y la información de contacto personal de sus materiales. Si tiene alguna objeción a que incluyamos su nombre, inicial del apellido y cualquier puesto de servicio, grupo, distrito o área que declare, por favor indíquelo aquí.</i>
7) Observaciones finales:

Envíe los formularios PDF completos a la miembro del personal de la OSG en el despacho de Conferencia:

Correo electrónico: conferencesa@aa.org

Correo postal: Attn: Conference Desk, General Service Office
 PO Box 459
 Grand Central Station
 New York, NY 10163

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form for the General Service Conference (GSC)

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2025, 11:59 pm.
Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2027 General Service Conference.

Warm Greetings from the Conference Assignment at the GSO!

Thank you for taking the time to consider proposing a policy level idea that might be useful for the good of A.A. within our US/Canada service structure.

This is an exciting opportunity for your group's voice to be heard.

All parts of our Fellowship — group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs — share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

In accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate. The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

The resources mentioned below are available in English, Spanish, and French, on the GSO website, www.aa.org. It is all done in the spirit of Love and Service.

Participation in the GSC Process is a year-round cooperative effort. The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

Does my PAI rise to the policy level?

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. Proposals are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous such as policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature, and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. To understand about proposed agenda item submissions in general, please visit the section, "Sources of Agenda Items" in the [A.A. Service Manual](#) on page 42.

Who participates in PAI submissions?

AA Groups, Districts and Areas: To contact your local GSR, District, or Area Committee or Delegate, please visit the link to "[List of General Service Conference Area Websites](#)." These local A.A. trusted servants strive to help you develop PAIs and discuss Conference Background materials and help the delegate prepare for the GSC.

Individual A.A. members: Individual A.A. members can participate in the Conference Process by submitting a PAI. All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2025, 11:59 pm. Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2027 General Service Conference.

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

Sharing on Participation? Thanks to contributions from A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada here is sampling of resources from GSO that include sharing about participating in the Conference Process:

Read: "[A.A. Service Manual](#)," "[Circles of Love and Service](#)," and "[The A.A. Group](#)."

Watch Video: "[Your General Service Office \(GSO\), the Grapevine and the General Service Structure](#),"

Listen: "[Twelve Traditions Long Form](#)"

When is the PAI Deadline for the 75th GSC?

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2025, 11:59 pm.

Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2027 General Service Conference.

What happens after a PAI is submitted? Your submission will be forwarded to the trustees' Committee or Board for discussion. Following the October General Service Board meeting, the committee secretary will contact you to let you know the outcome of the committee's deliberations.

**General Service Conference (GSC)
Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form**

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.
(2) What problem does this proposed item address?
(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).
<u>Note:</u> While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

