



## **Delegate Report, Panel 69**

Quarterly Area Meeting: June 9, 2019

Panel 69 is well underway – thank you all for your service! This past quarter has been especially busy. It has been an exciting time preparing for and participating in the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. The annual Conference was held May 19<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel in New York City. I am thankful for the Pre-Conference Sharing Session, hosted by District 36 and over 187 members who participated. Service is said to be “gratitude in action.” We are grateful for all the servants on our Area Committee and the extra time you put into your service as DCM’s, Officers; and our Special Servants and Convention committee members.

### **General Service**

- Pre-Conference Sharing Session – This is a very important event to help collect the perspective and insights into Area 59’s group conscience about various. After discussion with other area officers I have made a referral to ask the Structure subcommittee to explore best way to move forward.
- The A.A. World Services app is now in beta testing by delegates. So far, it works well for me. It will soon include the “Big Book,” *Daily Reflections* (print & audio, with video and subtitles to follow), Meeting Finder and GSO News update. It is no cost and will soon be available to the membership.
- A new AAWS software system (Enterprise Resource Planning system, or ERP) is close to implementation and expected to be launched in August.
- There is an opening for A.A. Grapevine Nontrustee Director and for an A.A. World Services Nontrustee Director. Please contact me if you would like to explore the application process. Successful applicants seem to me to be members with substantial sobriety, understanding of A.A. service and professional business, editorial or publishing background. (These are volunteer positions with expenses for travel reimbursed.)
- By the time this report is distributed we will have finished the first Mini-Assembly and Delegate’s Conference Report. We are grateful to District 59 and members from the Bloomsburg area for hosting the event and to all Members who participated. For the second Delegate’s Conference Report: it will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Please recruit Members to attend. It is an outstanding opportunity to learn about A.A.’s worldwide service and the currents events, issues and results of our Fellowships’ conscience, as expressed by Delegates at the Conference.

- The new AAWS (Conference-approved) book, *Our Great Responsibility*, has been released for sale in May. The first original title released by Alcoholics Anonymous since *Daily Reflections*, the book **Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951–1970** is now available for order in English, French and Spanish. Publication of this important volume culminates years of research and transcription of archived audio recordings of Bill W. addressing the General Service Conference. Complementing the text are more than sixty photographs and other images from the A.A. Archives — some never before published. Timeless and timely, these 16 talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder's own words. For more information, visit the [A.A.W.S. Online Bookstore](#) or call 212-870-3312.
- 2020 International Convention: In less than two years — July 2-5, 2020 — the International Convention will celebrate A.A.'s 85th Anniversary in Detroit, Michigan. With a theme of "Love and Tolerance Is Our Code," A.A.s from around the world will converge on Detroit to celebrate sobriety and to share experience, strength and hope in meetings, panels and workshops at the Cobo Center, the Ford Field stadium and at other locations throughout the friendly city. Members of the Fellowship are now gearing up for this wonderful event, and the General Service Office is beginning to receive inquiries. So here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding the Convention. Visit [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for more FAQ's.
- If you do not have an *AAGrapevine* subscription – please consider purchasing one – Nora will give you more information later in her report about the book release, [Take Me To Your Sponsor](#).
- **A YouTube Channel** has been launched by AAWS and the General Service Office:
- <https://www.youtube.com/c/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc>

### **2019 General Service Conference**

- The focus of the general service year is the Conference (G.S.C.) – it is an intense and impressive gathering from across the USA and Canada of delegates, trustees, directors and some GSO staff. This year there were 135 participants in the Conference. It was held at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel in New York City.
- Please attend one of our Delegate Conference Reports and bring other members with you. But here is a (very) short summary:
  - Francis G. was elected Northeast Regional Trustee.
  - Our Fellowship continues to grow around the world – over 180 countries. Iran recently recognized Alcoholics Anonymous as an organization within that country.
  - 2018 Contributions = \$8.4 million (equal to 2017). Literature profit = \$3.4 million. *AAGrapevine*/*La Vina* subscriptions decreased 4%. Reserve Fund = \$15.9 million (9.7 months worth of operational funds.) New Auditing firm - all audit results were satisfactory.
  - Thirty-four (34) Advisory Actions passed. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* sent to Trustees Literature Committee.

### **2019 E.P.G.S.A. Convention Preparations**

- Program: Subcommittees will be presenting the workshops this year. Please work together in your subcommittee to create and design interactive workshops for the membership. Subcommittee Chairpersons please send me your workshop topics & titles as soon as your subcommittees decide.

- Please welcome Conventions Committee Members and Area Officers to attend your district business meetings and workshops. Give some time for them to present the attraction for our Convention.
- Please ask GSRs to bring a motion in their home groups to set aside funds for them to participate in this important General Service event.

### **Important Service Events**

- **August 6, 2019 is the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Member Challenge day this year.** Please pass the word that if every member contributed \$8.06 to G.S.O., our Fellowship would be full self-supporting. As of 2018, group and member contributions covered only 74% of the expense budget. The remaining 26% is covered by income from literature sales.
- Pennsylvania Hospitality Suite – application submitted. I expect to hear final reply in September. Both Area 60 and 59 have voted to participate. I have recruited
- Please familiarize yourself and your district members with the [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) and [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org) web sites. Area 59 recently initiated and implemented a new mobile-friendly web design. Please learn how to use these important information resources.

### **Travel & Activity Report**

Mar. 10	Quarterly Area 59 Committee Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Mar. 11	Spoke at New Hope Group	West Chester, PA
Mar. 16	District 56 GSR orientation	Jennersville, PA
Mar. 24	Convention Committee Meeting	Camp Hill, PA
Apr. 12 – 14	Southeastern PA Intergroup Round-Up	Cape May, NJ
Apr. 29	Newtown Square Group Anniversary Speaker	Newtown Square, PA
May 4	Pre-Conference Sharing Session	Hershey, PA
May 5	Harrisburg YPAA Twelve Concepts Workshop	Harrisburg, PA
May 8	General Service Conference Corrections Call	Kennett Sq. (home)
May 18 – 25	General Service Conference of A.A.	New York, NY
May 31	Area 59 Pre-Area Officers' Meeting	Tarrytown, NY
Jun. 1-2	Northeast Regional Forum	Tarrytown, PA
Jun. 8	Mini-Assembly I & Delegate's Conference Report	Bloomsburg, PA
Jun. 9	Quarterly Area Business Meeting	Scranton, PA

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve!

In Fellowship & Service,

*Ken D*

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