



Delegate Report
E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 73
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Area Quarterly Meeting 3Q23



I have reported on the 73rd General Service Conference at two separate Mini Assemblies. This is a crucial part of my responsibilities as Delegate, and similarly for DCMs and GSRs to attend and keep the connection intact. I am willing to make myself available to give additional reports outside of the two scheduled Mini Assemblies. I will visit District or multi-District meetings/workshops on invitation to give my full report, bits and pieces of the report, and/or simply answer questions. Whatever you may find helpful. My first Conference was a rollercoaster of an experience, and I am pleased to say that I have stepped away from the experience with tremendous gratitude for our Conference process, and the dedication of all 133 voting members of this year's Conference. I am excited for the decisions that were made and the projects that are still in progress. The deadline for submissions to the 74th General Service Conference is September 15th, 2023. I will make myself available to help any Area 59 member, group or district to submit an item to the Conference Coordinator.

General Service Conference

- I have distributed a document outlining all actions of the Conference to each of the DCMs. That document, along with my slides from the Conference report, are available on the Area website under Officer Reports.
- International Convention 2025 in Vancouver
 - Enthusiastically share this with the members in your district.
 - See the FAQ section on aa.org for information regarding crossing the border for those with criminal backgrounds.
 - Area 59 traditionally co-hosts a hospitality suite with Area 60. Looking forward to planning in early 2024.
- Congrats to Ken T. on election to Northeast Regional Trustee. I have known Ken for a couple of years in his service as the NERD Secretary/Treasurer and I am pleased that he will be serving as our Trustee.
- I was elected Alternate Chairperson for the Conference Committee on Literature, and will serve as such until the end of the 74th General Service Conference.
- 2022 AA Membership Survey
 - The General Service Conference approved a pamphlet that displays much of the data collected. There will also be a separate page on the aa.org website with more information on the survey results. Keep an eye on the "What's new" section.
- General Service Board Resignations
 - I reported last quarter that there had been 2 resignations from the board this year. The Conference did not take this topic lightly and thoroughly considered appropriate collaborative action. The Board will take its inventory with the help of a General Service Conference working group to design the inventory questions. The working group will include Delegates.
 - A vacancy remains for one non-alcoholic Trustee. Trustees nominating committee is searching for a candidate that will have 100% support of the entire Board.



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- Plain Language Big Book
 - A 2016 Conference action began the journey that has led to the development of 6 draft chapters that were available for all Conference members to review this year. It has never been an intention of this project to replace the Big Book, but rather to remove barriers that exist in the language of our precious text and offer A.A. in plain language – A tool to access the Big Book, to anyone who might benefit. The book features language at a 5th grade reading level and formatting updates to make the content more digestible and clearer. My personal experience with the draft was overwhelming and I am certain that it has the potential to benefit countless suffering alcoholics. Translation of the book is due to be complete this summer and will return to the 74th General Service Conference. The book will not be printed until the General Service Conference has given approval.
- Appointed Committee Member Opening
 - Trustees Literature Committee is searching for a bilingual A.A. member to lead the working group on the update to the 4th edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
 - Consider applying or encouraging others to apply for this open service position. See the description [here](#), or by scanning the QR code on the first page of this report.

Northeast Regional Forum

- Thank you for supporting my attendance at NERF. It was a special opportunity to reconnect with Delegates, Trustees, Directors, and Staff that I served at the 73rd General Service Conference with.
- I gave a presentation on *the importance of personal recovery in service*, and I enjoyed the other Delegate presentations very much. We truly have a dedicated crew of Delegates in the Northeast, and I am grateful to be a NERD.

Ad-Hoc Committee on process improvements for Subcommittee Chair selection

- In my experience, the delegate has an incredible number of decisions to make between the election assembly and the first quarterly meeting of a new panel. This committee's findings will hopefully assist the delegate and provide more informed decisions moving forward.
- I am seeking one DCM to chair this project-based committee. Please reach out to me if you have interest in the project. The committee is tasked with determining a process for providing the incoming Delegate with sufficient information to consider all incoming DCMs when appointing subcommittee chairs.

EPGSA Convention and Assembly

- November 10th – 12th, 2023 at the Wyndham in Lancaster, PA
 - Flyer and registration info [here](#), or scan the QR code on the first page of this report.
 - Marita R., Trustee-At-Large U.S., will be one of our guest speakers this year.
 - Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee, is confirmed for 2024 EPGSA.
 - Not all subcommittees will be required to hold a workshop at the Convention this year. I have distributed a list of workshop topics to the subcommittee chairs. If your committee has interest in holding a workshop, I ask that the subcommittee chairperson email the committee's topic to me no later than July 22nd. The workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
 - I plan to hold sharing sessions during the Convention weekend to offer GSRs and members a chance to participate and offer their voice to the Area. Topic suggestions for these sharing sessions are welcome, and can be sent to delegate@area59aa.org

NERAASA 2024

- Area 59 will host the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly next year in Hershey, PA. This is no small task and will require a large team of volunteers.
 - Register and book a room at neraasa.org
 - Keep an eye on the [Area Calendar of Events](#) for the next planning meeting.



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Travel and Activity

03/12/23	Area 59 Committee Meeting 1Q23	Oxford, PA
03/16/23	General Service Board Q&A on GSB resignations	Virtual
03/19/23	NERD Delegates & Alts & Trustee Meeting	Virtual
03/20/23	Report to Area 59 on GSB meeting	Virtual
03/22/23	Trustees Literature Committee Meeting	Virtual
03/26/23	Report to Area 59 on GSB meeting	Virtual
03/30/23	General Service Board Q&A on GSB resignations	Virtual
04/01/23	District 36 Share-a-day	Harrisburg, PA
04/03/23	Conference Committee on Literature Meeting	Virtual
04/04/23	PCSS Planning Meeting	Virtual
04/06/23	U.S. and Canada Delegate's Meeting	Virtual
04/10/23	Delegate's Meeting on GSB Resignations	Virtual
04/12/23	Area 59 Convention Committee Meeting	Virtual
04/13/23	General Service Board Q&A on GSB resignations	Virtual
04/15/23	Area 59 Pre-Conference Sharing Session	Allentown, PA
04/16/23	NERD Delegates & Alts & Trustee Meeting	Virtual
04/17/23	NERAASA Inventory Committee Meeting	Virtual
04/22-29/23	General Service Conference	Brooklyn, NY
05/03/23	D67 Business Meeting	Birdsboro, PA
05/06/23	D40 Spring into Service Workshop	Dallas, PA
05/13/23	Pre Area Meeting	West Chester, PA
05/16/23	Convention Committee	Virtual
05/20/23	Area 59 Mini Assembly 1	Springfield, PA
05/21/23	NERD Delegates & Alts & Trustee Meeting	Virtual
05/23/23	Conference Report to SEPIA PI Committee	Virtual
05/30/23	NERF Planning Meeting	Virtual
06/02-03/23	Northeast Regional Forum	Virtual
06/06/23	District 30 Business Meeting	Malvern, PA
06/07/23	Convention Committee	Virtual
06/10/23	Area 59 Mini Assembly 2	Huntingdon, PA

Respectfully Submitted,

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