

**Delegate Annual Report
E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 73
Year 2 – 2024**

As the end of Panel 73 approaches, I'd like to share my gratitude for the A.A. groups of Eastern Pennsylvania. Thank you for your trust and support. It has been an honor to serve as your delegate. Area 59 has a wonderful service culture, and I've enjoyed connecting with many of our members. Your sharing has widened my perspective significantly and was present in my mind during my participation at the 73rd and 74th General Service Conferences.

The 74th General Service Conference resulted in 46 Conference Advisory Actions and more than 100 Committee Considerations. Some noteworthy Advisory Actions include the approval of the Plain Language Big Book, a newly revised pamphlet "Black in A.A.-Experience Strength and Hope", and Young People's video interviews. Hard copies of the final report of the 74th General Service Conference have been distributed, and a digital version is available from www.aa.org.

Reporting on the General Service Conference is one of my primary duties. Area 59 held two separate mini assemblies for members to hear my full report. I also offered reports at several district meetings, a few workshops, and home group business meetings on invitation. I truly appreciate these opportunities to share what I saw, heard, and felt at the General Service Conference.

This year Area 59 hosted a very successful Northeast Regional Service Assembly in Hershey, PA. The event saw record breaking attendance, with over 1,300 registrations. Thank you for attending and participating, the support of our host committee was inspiring.

I hope many of our members are planning to attend the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in July of 2025. Area 59 & 60 will co-host a Pennsylvania hospitality suite during the event in Vancouver.

I am pleased to report that General Service is alive and well in Area 59, but we cannot afford to take this fact for granted. Each of us can aid continuity between Panel 73 and 75. Our positions rotate every 2 years, but the General Service Conference agenda does not. I encourage you to share what you know of the General Service Conference agenda items that are in progress. Help your successor through the process of researching and becoming informed on the items that the 75th General Service Conference will consider. There has been a thirst in recent years for the groups to feel more connected to the General Service Conference process, and we are all responsible to help strengthen our lines of communication and understanding of the Conference process.

Serving Alcoholics Anonymous as an Area delegate has been one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my sobriety. I am blessed to have done it with supportive family, friends, a talented team of Area Officers, and Special Servants.

Respectfully,
Pete B.
Delegate, Area 59 Panel 73