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Delegate Report | EPGSA Panel 75

March 8, 2026

Area Quarterly Meeting, Q2 (Milford)

Thank you for the opportunity, privilege, and responsibility to serve as your Area Delegate for EPGSA, Panel 75.

How to Access Documents Referenced in This Report

- All items are in the shared [Delegate Report Docs Folder](#), or you may scan the QR code (top of each page).

Pre-Conference Sharing Session (PCSS) – April 12th

- The final list of Agenda Items and background material was released in late February. The most recent update is the Project Cost Estimate for this year's Conference. Please contact me if you have not received it, or need access to the [shared drive](#) with the contents. Please note the link to the background requires a password sent in prior emails.
- We are retaining the very successful format of having GSRs/AGSRs be the presenters, followed by sharing, keeping the focus on the GSRs and homegroups. A [survey](#) was sent out 2 weeks ago to help determine what items we'll discuss at PCSS. Please ask your groups to complete it no later than the end of the week, so we can finalize the program! This is the survey link: go.area59aa.org/pcss2026
- I'm asking GSRs/AGSRs to be the presenters for agenda items, with a short presentation of about 5 minutes.
 - For each item, one will speak in favor, and the other against, except for any items which are informational only, where there will be a single presenter.
 - So far, there are 8 potential presenters, but only 6 Districts. DCMs – *please think of who would make a good presenter and email me or call with your suggestions, no later than the end of next week!* Ideally, we would need 16 – 20 total presenters to cover all agenda items. GSRs or AGSRs can also fill out the survey to volunteer – I need your help to make this Pre-Conference a success!
 - The presentations should be based on the background material, but with a length of 5 minutes, they do not need to exhaustively cover everything. The idea is to present the main ideas in support of or against the agenda item. GSRs are encouraged to contact past delegates for ideas on their presentations, and can also reach out to me with any questions.
 - This is a great opportunity to get the GSRs involved, hear their voice, and spark involvement by their homegroups!
- During sharing, GSRs will go first, with a brief 2 minute “report” on which agenda items their group discussed and the outcome. I will send out suggestions for the report/sharing with the list of items chosen for PCSS.
- An [agenda item feedback/sharing form](#) has been created, where members can share on any agenda item, in order to gather a broader sense of the group conscience in Area 59. This is the feedback link: go.area59aa.org/gsc76feedback
- I will send out another communication by the end of this week, with details on all of the above.
- Please be sure to stress the importance of attending the Pre-Conference Sharing Session in your District meetings, since this is the best opportunity for the Delegate to gain a sense of the Area's group conscience,



which I will bring with me to the General Service Conference! The flyer will be available soon on the area website.

General Service Conference / Conference CPC Committee / January Board Weekend

- January Board weekend (February 27th – March 2nd), to which all General Service Conference Committee Chairs were invited, was a great opportunity to get to see “behind” the curtain and watch our Trustees and their committees in action. I learned a lot about how the committee meetings really work, including the General Service Board meeting on Monday. It was also nice to get a chance to connect and get to know the Trustees and other committee chairs one-on-one.
- I was interviewed for the GSO Our Primary Purpose Podcast in January, to discuss our Area’s practice of hosting a guest observer at our annual convention and assembly. The interview went very well, and the episode should air in the upcoming months. I’d like to thank our Area Archivist for supplying some very useful background information about the history of our guest observer practice.
- I’ve been busy reading through all of the background material with a focus on CPC, to prepare for the General Service Conference April 26th – May 2nd. One noteworthy CPC item is a new progress report on the redesigned outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals; it will now be a more colorful, quad-fold layout, likely featuring QR codes to link to new video snippets of our Class A Trustees, from footage taken at the recent Board Weekend. There is also a PAI regarding creating short-form audio/video content whenever new CPC videos are made.
- Our Committee has had one introductory meeting, just to go over procedural type questions, since committees do not discuss agenda items outside of the actual GSC. We will have a “housekeeping” meeting in the next few weeks, and then a joint meeting with the Trustees Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee, to review the agenda for Conference and the Trustees' report, plus ask informational and procedural questions.
- The 2027 Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) form is now available. Please contact me for details.

Delegate Conference Reports

- I will report back on what happened at the General Service Conference three times this year. Two events will be in-person Delegate Conference Reports, and new this Panel will be a virtual session. See the Area 59 Calendar for more information.
- This is one of my key responsibilities as Delegate, and similarly for DCMs and GSRs to stay informed and keep the connection throughout the upside-down triangle.
- I'm also available to give additional reports outside of the three that are scheduled, and will visit District or multi-District meetings/workshops by invitation. I can present the full report, a partial report, or just answer questions - it's really up to you to decide the format and whatever would be helpful!

NERAASA and NERD 2026

- I would like to thank the Area for supporting my attendance at the recent **NERAASA 2026**, which was one of the most informative and overall excellent in-person NERAASAs, which took place in Portland, ME.
 - Highlights were the flag ceremony , celebrating all of the Northeast Area Delegates.



- I attended the Delegate's roundtable sessions where we focused on advice to the Panel 76s regarding preparation for the General Service Conference.
- Unfortunately my time was cut short by the forecasted blizzard.
- **Northeast Regional Delegates (NERD) Reunion Weekend**
 - NERD is a yearly event where Northeast Regional Delegates (present and past), Alternate Delegates, past Trustees, as well as the Northeast Regional Trustee and invited staff members of the General Service Office, convene a service convention focusing on the upcoming General Service Conference. The event provides an opportunity for current Delegates to tap into the experience of Past Delegates to be better prepared, and effectively participate in the General Service Conference.
 - I'm grateful to the Area for supporting my attendance at this event next weekend, which will be in Wilmington, DE.
 - The NERDs also have monthly virtual meetings, where we share on issues affecting our Areas and the Fellowship.

General Service Updates

- **2025 4th Quarter Financial Results:** See [docs folder](#) (Financial-Quarterly-Report_2025-Q4) for details.
 - In summary, our financial results were slightly better than last quarter, but the reduction in contributions and overall decline in total revenue still requires additional support from our Fellowship, so as to not put the vital services we depend on at risk. Here are some highlights from the Q4 financial results, with the full details in the [docs folder](#) (Financial-Quarterly-Report_2025-Q4):
 - Total contributions were up in the last quarter, and are about 4%, or \$421,000, less than the reforecast budget amount of \$11 million. That amount is 6%, or \$670,000, less than from the same period in 2024.
 - Net income from literature sales is about \$1 million less than budgeted, and \$184,000 less than last year.
 - Operating expenses before depreciation were 2% less than budget, 1% more than the prior year.
 - Operating surplus before depreciation was \$325,000 compared to \$1,276,000 in the same period last year, and \$991,000 less than budget.
 - The Reserve Fund currently covers 5.92 months of GSO and Grapevine expenses.
 - Only about 1/3 of groups contribute to the General Service Board.
 - There is a lot of cost cutting in the 2026 budget, including \$400,000 cut from the Conference:
 - \$80,000 saved by not printing this year's Final Conference Reports, with about \$10,000 saved in shipping costs.
 - Coffee services reduced to only once per day, except for Thursday and Friday where we will get coffee twice per day. Each person is only allocated 1 drink per meal, instead of 1.5 – 2.
 - Fewer emeriti were invited this year, and no Appointed Committee Members were invited.
 - We will be having more meals on our own, with additional saving in the opening dinner, such as inviting fewer people and changing it from a plated meal to a buffet.
 - Initially, \$120,000 was cut from the CPC budget for exhibits, which are one of the primary ways we use our Class A Trustees to help inform Professionals about AA. At Board weekend, \$60,000 of that was restored after a recommendation from the Trustees' CPC/Treatment & Accessibilities Committee.



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- In many respects we are running our services as "lean as possible", and in order to take on more projects, and to do more work to carry the message, we will need increased support from members. Please take this message to your home groups, and take the time to discuss in more detail the current needs, and how your group might be able to help. Also think of ways to point out what services are being provided all the time by our service entities. For example, your contributions to Area 59 allow us to have this quarterly business meeting today!
- **Other Documents:** (See [docs folder](#) for details.)
 - There have been a total of 13 new documents added since our last quarterly meeting! Please avail yourself of this great opportunity to become more informed.
 - New versions of the "GSO Quarterly Report" and a Public Information activity update. These are excellent to get a quick update about recent activities, in a more digestible format.
 - An announcement about the AAWS 12 Concepts Video now being available.
 - Several of the new monthly letters about Self Support, from the GSO Finance and Self-Support desk.
- All other general communications received from the General Service Office and General Service Board are placed in the folder, as soon as possible!

Travel and Activity

Date	Event	Location
12/16/2025	GSC Committee Chair Orientation	Virtual
1/11/2026	Area Officer Meeting	Virtual
1/11/2026	NERD Monthly Meeting	Virtual
1/15/2026	GSO Podcast Interview	Virtual
1/24/2026	DCM Sharing Session	Collegeville, PA
1/30 – 2/2/26	GSC January Board Weekend	New York, NY
2/17/2026	District 32 Meeting	Bryn Mawr, PA
2/20/2026	AQ2 2026 Pre-Area Officer Meeting	Portland, ME
2/20/26 – 2/22/26	NERAASA	Portland, ME
2/27/2026	Conference CPC Intro Meeting	Virtual
3/2/2026	Convention Committee Meeting	Virtual
3/4/2026	GSC Sharing Session	Virtual
3/8/2026	AQ2 2026 Area Quarterly Meeting	Milford, PA

If you have any questions, issues, or concerns, please feel free to call or send an email at any time. I am also available to come to your District to speak on Area service or any other topic!

Yours in Service,
Dan B.

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