

GSR Outreach Coordinator

Intergroup Liaison

Service Sponsors

12 Concepts of Service Workshop

General Service Workshops with Area Officers

General Service Representative Orientation with ppt presentations – What to expect at an Assembly

Registrar

Groups need to register with the area, then the area updates GSO. If you update GSO, the area does not automatically get the updates. Any correspondence to GSO's registrar, please cc or forward to registrar@aanorthcarolina.org

Every individual in service is listed in Fellowship Connection (the GSO database) UNLESS that individual does not have a physical address – this is a mandatory field. If this is missing, then you won't be in the database, and likely will not get the packets and other information.

Additionally, emails associated with individuals should not be that of a "position email" (such as d34dcm@gmail.com – this will cause an issue with the next person comes to fill the spot as either the previous DCM (or other) would be removed and replaced by the incoming, or that partial information will get updates (name but not address, etc)

DCMs, altDCMs, delegates etc have read-only access to the Fellowship Connection database

Printed GSR (and other) kits

- Once you are in the database, it generally takes 7-14 business days for the kit to be mailed
- If it goes longer, please email the registrar@aanorthcarolina.org to prompt the process
- If you ask for a GSR information to be backdated beyond 31 days in the past, they won't get a kit, as the process won't consider them a new GSR

Virtual groups are now listed in the Virtual Group tab, along side phone groups, in the Fellowship database

Alternate Delegate Report

Bill W's sobriety date - Dec 11 1934. To celebrate, there will be a virtual pan-continental forum being planned - regional forums desk info to come

- General Service Office 2021 Financial Health
 - \$4,976,316 Contributed as of May 31, 2021 – 51% of 2021 budget
 - \$5,735,705 Literature sales – 62% of budget
- Grapevine
 - 68,645 Circulation (67,000 budget)
 - \$900,409 revenue
- La Viña

- 5,913 circulation (5,687 budget)
- SAASA
 - Tampa Bay, FLA Nov 19-21 2021
 - In person (at this time)
 - \$30 registration fee (online or by mail)
 - Tampa airport hotel is fully booked, nearby Doubletree has an overflow room block
- Final Conference Report
 - printing was delayed - covid
 - 71st conference information - available at area website under delegates corner
 - Also available via email from Julie

Delegate Report

Conference Theme: AA in a time of change

GSO: \$1 million more group contributions over last year

Many groups are looking at surplus funds

Some may be increase based on virtual baskets - some don't carry cash anymore

- General Service Board Quarterly Meeting
 - GSO has reopened mail service
 - Bob W new office manager at GSO
 - Linda C, Jimmy, Josh E - 3 new chairs at GSO
 - Michelle G - trustee emeritus
 - 2 Class A trustee vacancies
 - interviews over the next few months, plan for Jan nomination
 - 37 resumes received for the non-trustee director of Grapevine
 - narrow down to 5 candidates for Oct
 - Podcast is in production
 - Grapevine Variety Hour
 - Josh E and Corey H (non trustee director)
 - Researching other podcast topics
 - Communication service dept - working on videos, reviewing google ad usage, updating LinkedIn, updating meeting guide app
 - Creative group - exploring themes and workshops
 - Equip and logistic teams - considering talent and voice needs, budget considerations, further defining responsibilities
 - Chris C - publisher of AA grapevine on Sept 15
 - Interim since Alvin retired
 - Grapevine Instagram account live July 2021
 - 2700 followers in first 3 weeks
 - Literature

- Printing delays result of covid outbreaks at publishers, including 2021-23 service manual (digital version will be ready November 2021)
 - Service workbooks primary impacted
- Service manual - revised and redesigned - Nov 05 digital, Nov 26 printed
 - No longer small and large print - now only 8.5/11 size
- New pamphlet: Hispanic women in AA
- Final conference report - printing Aug 31, avail digitally now
- Oct - CD sets of big book w new audio recordings
- Dec - new translation of ESH book - Spanish
- Corrections - being changed to change inmate to another word
- 1st draft Plain and Simple Big Book ready September 2021, to be presented at the October Quarterly meeting, but final version is a few years off
 - 3 chapters as primary - Ch 5 (how it works) as one
- Updated 7th tradition pamphlet: Where Money and Spirituality Mix
- Updated "Understanding Anonymity" pamphlet to include AA's usage of social media
- Revised Preamble printed materials will be available soon
- Conference approved literature being converted to video format
- Adapting conference approved literature to audio format
- QSL video - also ASL (sign language) video
- 12/12 - 52 translations, 3 more in process
- 4th ed of Spanish big book - lots of discussions due to differences in translation possible
- There are currently 72 translations of the Big Book, including 19 new translations and 8 revised translations
- Exploring Big Book workbooks
 - Workbooks to study program of AA - contemporary and new workbook for 12/12
 - Will continue to explore options and content
- Online meetings
 - Committee formed to explore placing them in General Service structure – a virtual Area 94?
 - Discussing conference advisory actions to recognize those groups and contributions
 - Listing within preferred district, or the primary contact's physical location
 - Change from previous online groups (correspondent groups)
 - Committee has been formed, expressed discomfort from joining pre-existing physical groups
- Deadline for 2022 Conference Agenda Items – September 15, 2021
- CPC/PI developing pamphlet for mental health professionals
- New App to match AA members with incarcerated folks
- Free GV and LV subscriptions to incarcerated AA members
- Revised budget as a result of improved financial outlook

- Transfer \$250,000 to prudent reserve fund to replace funds removed last year
 - Reserve fund currently \$12,500,000 or 8.4 months of original 2021 budget
- Special Forum to celebrate Bill W's sobriety date – December 11, 1934
- Conference Committees
 - Working on equitable workload
 - Information being obscured by the volume of information - additional background on top of voluminous reports
 - Some workloads - clearing backlog from covid, some from the amt of activity at 71st conference
 - Working to simplify background material
- CPC
 - Developing focus groups of class A trustees, past delegates for mental health focus
- Corrections
 - New service database presented - facilitate matching those in corrections institutions with members
 - Added Canadian members - launch planned for Sept 2021
 - Collaboration w grapevine - free subscriptions to those in custody - has been implemented
 - Ongoing impact of covid and limited in-person inside facilities
- Trustee finance
 - Reforecast budget reflects increased revenue and GSO surplus
 - Replenishment of reserve fund to begin after last years' drawdowns - 8.41 months of expenses
- International Convention / Regional Forum
 - Vancouver BC (int'l)
- Public Information
 - PowerPoint for PI and CPC to provide shared experiences for discussion AA at non-aa events
- Changes to AA Preamble
 - There has been much correspondence regarding the revision, 3 to 1 against
 - The change removed an outside issue (gender) that was a stumbling block to some alcoholics
 - Some is a reaction to change and attachment to history, some fear as to what is coming next - greasing the skids for political correctness
 - Poor job in communicating the change - we are not a political organization - gender identity is just another outside issue
 - Doors of AA are open regardless of any outside issue if you have a desire to stop drinking
 - Groups are autonomous - they can choose not to read the preamble if they wish
 - Consider the principles, those that really matter
 - Unify on the common problem and the common solution - our primary purpose - keep the fellowship united
- GSO Publishing

- Understanding anonymity pamphlet - will include more technology terminology
 - How as members are using social media as a communication mech
- Our delegate has heard that some groups felt they did not have a voice at this conference.
 - If groups felt left out, then we failed to communicate effectively
 - How better to communicate upcoming agenda items – in the Delegate’s Corner of the website
 - The importance of Conference – Bernard Smith “why do we need a conference?”
 - Service works on the basis of trust - HP will keep us and guide us
 - Failed to schedule districts to attend certain events - more along conference committee lines
 - Help delegate find out how to communicate better in this changing time

Agenda Item 1 – Pre-Conference District Assignments

- Western – D70/71 April 2, 2022
- Central – D23 March 26, 2022
- Eastern – D92/93 April 9, 2022
- Spanish – D05 April 10, 2022

Corrections Report

- No Prison meeting permitted
 - One prison down east invited a unit back in before it got back to Raleigh, shut that down
- Jails are beginning to reopen – Wake County in September
- Contact requests should be sent to corrections@aanorthcarolina.org
- 12 traditions / principles - oct 16 2021 - invited to attend in Sanford
- Tri county corrections - joint workshop Oct 23, 2021, w grapevine
- Hampton Inn - southern pines - agreed to have March 11-13 corrections conference to be live

Agenda Item 2 – 2022 Corrections Conference

- March 11-13, 2022, in Aberdeen, NC
- passed

Conventions Report

- Theme - design for living that works
- Held via Zoom
 - 720 registered for the Convention
 - \$1,530 contributed
- 17 states and 5 countries attended
- 5 speaker meetings

- 2 English workshops, 1 Spanish workshop
- interpreted from Spanish to English, to get a feeling for what it is like to not speak the language
- Old timers panel (one from each part of the state)
- Sobriety countdown - marathon meetings - AA trivia w/ prizes, yoga and Pilates class

Accessibilities Report

- Created posters to help districts understand accessibilities needs
- Took suggestions from pamphlets, ad-hoc committee D32, and past delegates for content
- Last Wednesday of the month on zoom - meetings on accessibilities
 - access@aanorthcarolina.org
- Consolidate resources - would like to make them available on the website
- Planning on doing workshops at the end of this year through 2022

Budget and Finance Report

- GSR Unity Fund - worked on wording to simplify
- Forwarded agenda item to make the zoom account permanent
- Surplus funds suggestion deadline October 31, 2021
 - \$6,249
- Meets monthly via zoom
- Reviewing 2022 budget
- Reviewed process and timeline for surplus funds suggestions \$6249 sep from \$11k contribution from women's conference
- No deadline for funds of women's conference
- Share info with GSRs so they can contribute suggestions
- Have reviewed previous advisory actions:
 - purchase protective equipment
 - increase prudent reserves
 - purchase computers
 - Al-Anon world services contributions
 - archives (computer, printer)
 - CFC coordinator for grapevine & big books
 - projector and viewing screen
 - archives for recording history from old timers
 - digitizing material
- Spring assembly - would need the agenda item for a vote
- Asset inventory - they are working on the information

Agenda Item 3 – GSR Unity Fund be made permanent

- Passed

Agenda Item 4 – Zoom Account be made permanent

- Passed

Agenda Item 5 – 2022 Budget

- Assuming meeting in person
- Passed with friendly amendments

Literature Report

- Out of Stock Items at GSO, but in stock in Area 51
 - Public information kit
 - Group handbook
 - Corrections kit
 - Service Manuals 2019-2021
 - Won't be back in stock until the new ones are printed
- New Literature
 - Visual History of AA
- First in person event able to get to - have lots of literature to sell
- Communication workshop for the 1st part of 2022 - how to write an article
- Practice these principles workshop - Oct 16, 2021 - Sanford NC

Grapevine Report

- Change to Preamble in made in July issue
- Instagram account is live
 - alcoholicanonymous_grapevine
 - Design Instagram banner - used at events to let them know of Instagram presence
- Raleigh Grapestompers
 - June 19 - celebrated grapevine and la vina - interpreted in Spanish
 - \$320 in sales at event
 - Next one: October 23, 2021
- Grapevine event in Sanford with the Delegate – October 16, 2021
- July 01 2021 - 3 legacy group - primary purpose Southern Pines, NC
 - 1 sale of Best of Bill

Agenda Item 7 – Alternate Convention Chair made a member of the Committee w budgeted expenses

- Concern from Newton - the area pays for the chair so they are able to come - dangerous slope - if this alternate is part of the committee meeting, then it would make sense for their way be paid just like for the chair

- Friendly amendment from Elizabeth that the cost for the alternate would come from the Area budget.
- Passed with friendly amendment

Archives Report

- Involved with Growth and Maintenance committee - Dale to give a report later
- Continues to digitize artifacts
 - They are working to go through all of the items in archives and professionally process them so they can be found and worked with later
- Creating a searchable electronic database for the Area Archives
 - NC State Archive will assist in the digitizing process
- Included in Archives are letters to GSO from the first members of AA in NC
- Archivist is open to hosting workshops based on those letters
- Also open to recording oral histories from old timers
- Displays have been updated - will be able to use them in October 2021 Sanford event
- Visited Fayetteville - gave history of AA - found letters of people who first wrote to GSO
- Letters from 1940 from NC - people asking for the solution and help - if they were the first from the area in NC - they asked them to be the contact for that area so the 2nd and so on person could reach out to the first person to form a community of AA in any given area
- Meets on Zoom - glad agenda item was passed to be approved at Fall Assembly
 - able to do oral histories through zoom that would otherwise be unable to be done
 - 35+ sobriety, most of that time in NC - criteria for these oral histories

Site Investigation Report

- For 2023 – 2025, 64 RFPs sent, 44 replies, 6 bids – none from the eastern/coastal region
- Selection accounted for rates, amenities, etc

Agenda Item 6 – Site Selection for 2023-2025

- 2023 Summer Committee Meeting @ Blowing Rock Conference Center
- 2023 Fall Assembly @ Hilton Raleigh North Hills
- 2024 Winter Committee Meeting @ Hilton Charlotte Airport
- 2024 Spring Assembly @ Hilton Raleigh North Hills
- 2024 State Convention @ Hilton Raleigh North Hills
- 2024 Summer Committee Meeting @ Blowing Rock Conference Center
- 2024 Fall Assembly @ Lake Junaluska
- 2025 Winter Committee Meeting TBD per 2021 Spring Advisory Action
- 2025 Spring Assembly @ Hilton Raleigh North Hills
- 2025 State Convention @ Hilton Raleigh North Hills
- Passed

Agenda Item 8 – Authorize the Area Chair to host a hybrid 2023 Fall Assembly capped at \$15,000

- Estimated Cost - \$3,000 - \$5,000 a room
- This was the source of much debate
 - High potential of creating second class citizens
 - Create a precedent for future assemblies
 - Very uncertain costs
 - High probability of failing to meet room block
- Failed – 15 in favor/30 against – 33%

Assembly Theme and Workshop Topics

- Theme – AA's Future: It Begins with Us
- Workshops
 - How to be an effective GSR
 - Safety in meetings
 - Upside down triangle: Our voices matter – D34
 - Back to basics: 1, 2, 3
 - How to be an effective GSR [sp] – D30
 - Safety in meetings [sp] – D05
- Vote Counters – D70
- Timekeepers – D30

Treatment Facilities Report

- Most are back in person due to federal guidelines
- 2022 Workshop – Bridging the Gap
- Had a few requests from outside our area - some volunteers helped to reach out with information to caller
- Gave some books to members to staff treatment library at a facility
- GSO - Amy B - asked for information for two facilities in our area - has reached out to make those connections
- Any district wanting to host this workshop in 2022, there is a form online to fill out, so Stanley knows of interest

Spanish Language Report

- Translated at the Virtual State Convention
- Provided translations at all Area events

Growth and Maintenance

- 8 Initiatives

- Area asset inventory – to Budget and Finance
- Area Inventory – Launch in 2022 [not sure on this one]
- Area Intergroups – Directory completed
- P3 – Ongoing updates
- Website
- Information Policy – Data Storage
- Technology – Potential Technology Sub-Committee
- Voting App – is not recommended

Webmaster Report

- Syncing with Districts – most are now represented
- District Information mostly complete
- Improved security on contact us form (captcha)
- Notifications – updates only on email registration
- Update contributions page

Website Report

- All contact us requests are tracked
- 3 agenda items
 - Move some items to public space
 - Post non-area events
 - Web policy revised and moved to P3

Agenda Item 9 – Permit Area 51 Intergroup, District, and YPAA events to be posted on website

- Passed

Agenda Item 10 – Assembly notices, agendas, and schedules be moved to the public area of the website without background information

- Passed

Agenda Item 11 – Amend website policies to add voting rights to webmaster, add roles of technical advisors with voting rights, make policy consistent with P3, and move website composition, scope, and procedure to P3 referenced in policy statement

- Passed