

A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service
Area 50 Delegate's Report

January 1, 2022

Dear Family-

Thank you so much for the absolute honor and privilege to serve A.A. and Area 50 as the Panel 72 Delegate to the General Service Conference (GSC). I look forward to continuing as a trusted servant to the fellowship which reconnected me to my higher power, and saved my life.

I want to welcome in General Service all as we rotate into Panel 72 (2022-2023) – particularly the new General Service Representatives (GSRs) for our groups. You are the link between groups and AA as a whole! Thank you, thank you in advance for your service and leadership. Welcome also to all who are serving in the districts, the service committees, our (4) intergroups, and the countless others who will quietly serve. I look forward with hope, to the work we will continue to do together, shoulder to shoulder.

The theme of the 2022 GSC is **A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service**. The Delegates to the GSC are assigned to one, and sometimes two, of the thirteen (13) conference committees (see pages 44-47 of The AA Service Manual, 2021-2023 Edition for complete committee listing). I found out two weeks ago that I have been assigned to the **Conference Committee on Report and Charter**. This committee has the responsibility of considering changes to the AA Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service (which includes the Conference Charter), and any changes to the Conference Final Report. I will also serve on the **Conference Archives Committee** as a secondary Committee assignment. This committee has the responsibility of discussing the reports of the Trustees' Archives Committee and making recommendations on archival policies, so we remember with clarity the history of A.A., and where we came from.

As we prepare for the GSC, which will be held April 24-30th 2022, I will seek the informed group conscience of the area to carry to the Conference. While we will have the opportunity for direct input on the agenda items before the Report and Charter and Archives Committees, there will be other agenda items for full conference vote. Please see the "Preliminary Agenda Items" attachment for the 72nd General Service Conference Committees. The final agenda will be available late January, with full back ground information available on or around February 15th.

At our first Panel 72 General Service Assembly on January 8, 2022, which is scheduled to be hybrid, our Area 50 Alternate Delegate, Steve J., and I will present on preparing our Area Conscience. Please check back the second week in January for the posting of the PowerPoint.

Yours in Love and Service,

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Lessons Learned as an Alternate Delegate (To Steve J., P72 A50 Alternate Delegate, **and to anyone even a little interested in service**, because if we substitute any service position for Alternate Delegate, the illustration would fit exactly):

1. Volunteer early and often for as many service opportunities as you are willing and able to make yourself available for within your service position
2. Seek your own experiences with The Twelve Traditions and with The Twelve Concepts for World Service
3. Ask questions
4. Ask for help/give help
5. Speak up (and yes, learn to “shush up” too)
6. Develop a Neutral Face (while you set aside everything you think you know)
7. Read Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need (page C29 of the 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual)
8. Read Bill and the Night Visitors from the Final Report of the 5th General Service Conference (1955)
9. Don't forget to keep your AA triangle balanced: service, unity and recovery – it can become unbalanced in any direction
10. Always remember that “Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us.” (Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th edition, page 77)