



**A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution  
Delegate's Report  
Area 50 – Pre-Conference Assembly – 4/1/23**

Dear Area 50 Family-

Thank you all for the service you have been doing on behalf of AA to prepare our Area for the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference. This important service will help ensure that AA is around for the next sick and suffering alcoholic, just like it was for us.

1. The Delegate's Questionnaire has been distributed via a Google Docs email invite to all known GSRs in Area 50. **Please submit your Group's Informed Group Conscience on or before April 18, 2023**, per the submit button at the bottom of the questionnaire. If your group did not get the questionnaire:

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT OUR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, SANDY C., AND I HAVE YOUR EMAIL. PLEASE EMAIL SANDY AND ME, TO ADVISE OF YOUR POSITION (GSR, ALT-GSR) AND HOMEGROUP:**

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Every Group is important to our Area 50 Informed Group Conscience, and I do not want to miss what your Group has to say!

**GSRS - PLEASE USE THE TWO QUESTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO LET ME KNOW IF YOUR GROUP HAS AGENDA ITEMS THAT IT WANTS DISCUSSED, OR OTHER ITEMS OF WHICH TO INFORM ME. OUR COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE AGENDA ITEMS AND THE GSC IS TWO-WAY AND YOUR GROUP'S CONSCIENCE IS NEEDED. I AM YOUR TRUSTED SERVANT, TAKING OUR AREA'S CONSCIENCE TO THE CONFERENCE TO BE PART OF AA'S CONSCIENCE AS A WHOLE.**

2. As of today, five groups have already submitted its informed group conscience via the Delegate's Questionnaire, among them:

**Twin Cities  
Pass it On  
Daily Reflections  
Men Who Trudge**

**Thank you GSRs!!**

3. Please remember to access the full background files, to ensure that your group is informed:

[www.area50wny.org](http://www.area50wny.org)

Delegate's News

Materials

Protected Materials

to access protected files

The password is the same that has been announced at assemblies, committee meetings and GSR education nights. If you still need the password, please email me at [p72delegate@area50wny.org](mailto:p72delegate@area50wny.org).

For your convenience, the summary of the background files has been included in the protected files as well.

4. At the Pre-Conference General Service Assembly on April 1<sup>st</sup> (TODAY) hosted by the NY/Penn Intergroup, selected agenda items will be presented and discussed. Following the discussion, we will take a straw-poll vote to see how the area feels about the items. All Area 50 members are welcome and encouraged to attend. GSRs, please bring home group members with you! **All Area 50 members will be permitted to vote.**
5. GSRs should discuss the agenda items with their groups during their business meetings, or any special meetings to develop their informed group conscience. Your Group can do this in any way that it would like, however, if you need suggestions your DCM is a good resource. Also, our GSR Education Chair, Amy H. can provide suggestions during the Virtual Coffee Hours held on the first Monday of each month (there is yet one more on 4/3, that is before the Delegate's Questionnaire deadline of 4/18). Please see the events calendar on the Area 50 Website for assistance. [www.area50wny.org](http://www.area50wny.org). I am also available, as is Steve J. your Alternate Delegate, to meet with your Group, or District to answer any questions that you may have. We can be reached at [p72delegate@area50wny.org](mailto:p72delegate@area50wny.org) or [p72altdelegate@area50wny.org](mailto:p72altdelegate@area50wny.org). Thank you GSRs!!
6. The Post-Conference Assembly will be Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, during which I will report back to the Assembly what happened at the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference.

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Your Area Delegate and 35 of the other 93 seated Area Delegates from the US and Canada, were in the process of requesting a full conference meeting (133 total conference delegates) with the 19 General Service Board Trustees, when such a meeting was scheduled. The intention for the meeting was for the delegates to be able to ask questions of the Trustees and listen to the trustees and vice-versa, surrounding the unanimous acceptance of the resignation of the former GSB Chair (and Class A, non-alcoholic, Trustee) Linda Chezem, as well as the subsequent resignation of Class B General Service Trustee, Josh E.

This meeting occurred on Thursday March 16, 2023 beginning at 7:30pm. There were 135 in attendance as some non-voting GSO staff was there as well. This Q&A did center around the resignations of the two GSB Trustees in January and February of this year. The two -hour meeting exceed the 1.5 hours initially reserved for the meeting, but was cut short as the French Interpreter became suddenly ill. In accordance with Concept IV, and with substantial unanimity (perhaps even unanimously), the GSC attendees voted to suspend the meeting. A second two-hour follow up meeting was scheduled and did

take place on March 30, 2023. A third meeting will take place on Thursday April 13, 2023, for a fifth and sixth hour for all Conference Delegates to meet.

There are as many feelings about what happened surrounding the resignations, as there are conference members. I can tell you that I trust our trusted servants, however, I am wary of the fact that many delegates (including myself) and some trustees believe that the method in which the first resignation came about was in violation of some of the guiding principles of AA. While I do not hold with the belief that anyone acted out of wrong motives, or anything other than absolute love of AA, I do believe **that healing, servant leadership and care for one another, and a mindful return to our primary purpose are musts at this time.**

I am aware that many documents full of opinions regarding the resignations are being circulated around AA, mostly from people not in the general service conference structure at this moment, and almost none of whom are or were at the "General Service Board Weekend" in January 2023. Participating in the posting and propagation of this information is, of course, is up to each AA member and their God, as they understand God, to decide in the light of day or the dark of night. Each AA member should be free to follow the dictates of their Higher Power. But, please, for the sake of AA make sure it is just that.

I am also aware that there are many questions for which we may never know "the answers". The Conference members seem committed to finding common ground in these difficult conversations that will hopefully allow AA to move forward together in unity. Best course is for each person to practice the principles in all our affairs. How do I know this? I had to make amends to one of the Trustees this week for something I had no right to say, but did say nonetheless. I cleaned up this wreckage promptly, and without regret. **I believe that if our conversations with one another are sane and sound, then AA can move forward in Unity. If our real reliance is on God, then God will provide the answers.** He solved our drink problem – why wouldn't He be able to help us here?

My hope is to return to spending as much time and energy as God permits, to help the struggling alcoholic, and want to focus on the agenda of the conference. So, let's get back to our Area 50 preparation!

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Please let me know if you have any questions. As always, **I am willing and available to attend Group, District, Committee or Intergroup meetings to discuss preparations for the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference.**

With your help, and with God's loving arms around us, let's keep doing this together, Shoulder to Shoulder. I thank you for the honor of serving A.A. and Area 50.

**Did I say thank you to the GSRs?? Thank you!!**

Yours in Love and Service,

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