



Connecting with Love, Unity and Service
Delegate's Report
Area 50 – Area Committee – 5/20/23

Dear Area 50 Family-

Thank you for the honor of serving Area 50 and AA as a whole at the 73rd General Service Conference. I was well prepared for the Conference, and the thanks for that preparedness belongs to all of you. From Agenda Week, to the presentations and discussion at the Pre-Conference, to the 36 groups that completed the Delegate's Questionnaire – I thank all of you! The Conference week was filled with much conversation on many topics in A.A., some of them difficult, but all of them held immense spiritual value for me, and I hope for A.A. as a whole.

I am looking forward to reporting to you in full on Saturday, June 17th at the Post-Conference Assembly. Please encourage attendance at your home group and other meetings that you attend. This report back is part of our Area being fully informed on the current issues in AA.

In the meantime, I will detail a few items:

1. It was approved that the theme for the 74th General Service Conference is:
Connecting with Love, Unity and Service

It was approved that the presentation theme for the 74th General Service Conference is:
Responsibility in Service: When and How to Give

It was approved that presentation topics for the 74th General Service Conference are:
"Safety throughout the Structure in our Fellowship"
"1728 Sponsorship"
"Overcoming the Barriers to Participation"

Please note that these themes can be used throughout the whole year by any part of the general service structure, as **this is a year-round process.**

2. At the Conference, we had our regularly scheduled election for our next Northeast Regional Trustee, as Francis G. was at the end of his four-year rotation. **Ken T., of Eastern MA, Area 30, is our new Northeast Regional Trustee, and will serve until the end of the 2027 GSC.** Ken was a Panel 63 Delegate, who served as Chair of the Conference Committee on Report and Charter (yay!).
3. Mike L., Regional Trustee (Class B, Alcoholic) from the West Central Region, was elected as First Vice Chair of the General Service Board. Because a candidate was not put forward from the trustees' Nominating Committee for Chair of the GSB, Mike, as First Vice Chair, will serve as Interim Chair of the GSB.
4. Three things were approved at the Conference that may help the Conference move forward, hopefully, in Unity, Trust and Transparency:

- a. The General Service Conference will conduct its next inventory beginning in 2025
- b. The General Service Board will conduct an inventory before the 2024 Conference
- c. To foster unity, trust, and transparency in the Fellowship, the members of the General Service Conference meet outside of the annual meeting for general sharing sessions at least two times per year utilizing virtual meeting technology. The General Service Board Chair and Delegate Chair will set the date and time as well as determine what issues currently facing the Fellowship would be chosen as topics.

Due to the passing of “c” directly above, I am requesting the consideration of Area 50 on a motion to change the election/selection process for the Delegate Chair of the General Service Conference. Currently the Delegate Chair is elected/selected after the Conference Committee Chairs are selected, and in my experience, the candidate chosen from the NE is randomly selected. I had submitted this change to the election/selection as a floor action during the Conference after the approval of item “c” above, but withdrew it due to lack of time to conduct business (it was after midnight on Friday, the last business session of the conference). Actually, I was not able to withdraw it because it had been seconded, but a friendly neighboring delegate offered a friendly decline to consider, which was approved. If the area supports the proposal for a new process, the item can be submitted to the conference for consideration in 2024. The deadline is 9/15/23.

- 5. Please remember to access our Area 50 website, to ensure that your group is informed. I will continue to provide information as it becomes available and the advisory actions and recommendations of the Conference, as well as my report back will be posted.

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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 after June 17th to discuss the group conscience and actions of the 73rd 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.

Yours in Love and Service,
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