

Preparing Area 50 for the 72nd General Service Conference

(April 24th- 30th, 2022)



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Concept I – The final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

(Your Group has a GSR who carries your Group's informed conscience)

Concept II – When, in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter – the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

(The GSRs delegate their collective informed conscience to their Conference Delegate)

Step 1: The “final” Conference Agenda Items

- Outline and background material available from GSO on or around February 15th
- Summary Guide to be sent from Area on or around February 20th:



Conference Committee: **Archives A**

Agenda Item:	Review contents and format of Archives Workbook.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	This is a standing agenda item. Between conferences, ideas for changes to the Workbook may be received. Note: workbooks are service material, and suggested changes to the content do not require recommendations, rather, they are put forth as <u>Additional Committee Considerations</u> .
What your group might consider:	Does your group have any suggestions/comments/changes it would like to see in the Archives Workbook? Your Delegate will want specific feedback. Does your group have an Archives Chairperson?
Access:	https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/m-44i_archivesworkbook.pdf



Check out the link to the workbook! Click on the link to access the item being discussed.



Conference Committee: **Report and Charter C**

Agenda Item:	Review <u>The A.A. Service Manual</u> , 2021-2023 Edition.
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	The service manual is updated from time to time, and this current edition (red cover) of the Service Manual became available in pdf in the fall of 2021, with print version shipped beginning in December 2021.
What your group might consider:	Please provide feedback on the 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual. Please be specific about what works or what changes/improvements you would like to see in the next edition.
Access:	https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf

Check out the “Delegate’s Questionnaire Indicator!” This item is likely to be on the Questionnaire!

Step 2: Rally your Group

- GSRs should share the Agenda items and Summary Guide with AA members in your Group
- Let your DCM and Alternate Delegate, Steve J., (p72altdelegate@area50wny.org) if you or your Group wants to be the champion of one or more of the Agenda items. You will have the opportunity to be part of informing the Area during our workshops and Pre-Conference Assembly, and to prepare item summaries for our Area to use.
- Try to let your DCM know by 2/25, which Agenda Item(s) you will take on, so that the background information can be forwarded to you and because....

Step 3: There is valuable information presented at NERAASA for the agenda items

- NERAASA 2022 is scheduled in Pittsburgh for 2/25-2/27/22. Encourage GSRs and Alt-GSRs to attend. Even if just for road trip on the day of Saturday 2/26/22.



neraasa.org/register/

Registration is \$25.

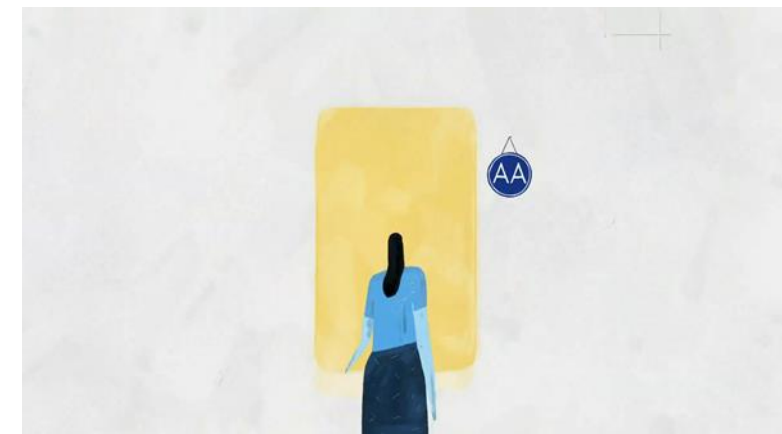
But, hold on a minute...

What the heck is a NERAASA?

- The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup and Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss **General Service Conference related issues** and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of **recovery, unity and service** common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.

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....in other words, it's for "All of us"!



Step 4: Present the Agenda Item

- GSRs and DCMs will work with the background and can consult service committees/service committee chairs to prepare a summary and to present short presentation for:
 - [Workshops](#) – proposed for some time during the weekend of March 25-27th.
 - and the [Pre-Conference General Service Assembly](#) – April 9, 2022.
- Resources:
 - Background information
 - The Committee Chair and Members, Intergroup Chairs and Members
 - Area 50 Delegate, Denise M. or Area 50 Alternate Delegate, Steve J. (consider inviting them to your District Meeting or Home Group Business Meeting – they'll be there!)

Step 5: Attend Pre-Conference Assembly

- Attend the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 9th to hear any additional presentations
- Encourage ALL group members to attend
- Exercise Final Authority and Ultimate Responsibility as outlined in [Concept I](#) by voicing your Group's Conscience and then voting in Delegate's "straw poll" on selected items to have your Group's Conscience heard and included in our [collective conscience](#).

Step 6: Delegate's Questionnaire

- Will be forwarded to GSRs, DCMs and DCMC prior to the Workshops
- Selected items for which our Area 50 Delegate is seeking **YOUR GROUP'S INFORMED GROUP CONSCIENCE** to carry out **Concept II** as our trusted servant
- Opportunity to add anything you want our Delegate to know
- Have business meeting to have your Group complete the Delegate's Questionnaire (Google Poll) return completed questionnaire to Area Delegate via purple **Submit** button at end of questionnaire.

Sample Preview of Delegate's Questionnaire (Google Poll emailed to GSRs/DCM/DCMCs)

If you are familiar with the Archives Workbook, do you have any suggestions/comments/changes you would like to see in the Archives Workbook?
Please provide specific feedback if you are familiar with the workbook. *



Your answer

Sample Preview of Delegate's Questionnaire (Google Poll emailed to GSRs/DCMs/DCMC)

Has your group accessed the new 2021-2023 Edition of the A.A. Service Manual
(Red Cover) combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service? *



Yes

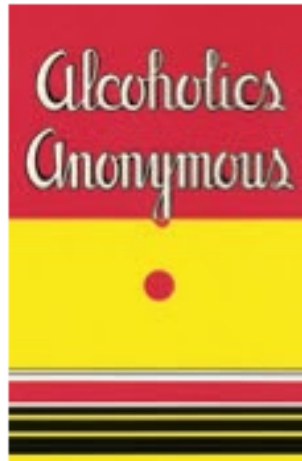
No

Please provide any feedback you may have on the 2021-2023 (Red Cover) A.A. Service Manual. Please be specific about what works or what could be improved/changed. *

Your answer

Preview of Delegate's Questionnaire (Google Poll emailed to GSRs/DCMs/DCMC)

Should the chapter in Alcoholics Anonymous ("the Big Book") titled "The Doctor's Opinion" be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition? *



Yes

No

Preview of Delegate's Questionnaire (Google Poll emailed to GSRs/DCMs/DCMC)

Do you think a new AA pamphlet should be created to help CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committees reach as many doctors as possible? *

Yes

No

Why or why not (regarding creation of new CPC Pamphlet for Doctors), and how strongly does your group feel about this? *

Your answer

Delegate's Virtual Office Hour

Wednesdays 6-7pm from February 23rd to March 16th

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 154 8048 Password: Area50

- Through pre-conference season before the workshops, Area 50 Delegate, Denise M. will be available for questions or discussion on the Agenda Items, or just to meet you.
- Grab a coffee and your phone or computer and stop by the Delegate's Virtual Office Hour
- ***Zoom Meeting ID: 847 154 8048 Password: Area50***
- If you prefer, your Delegate can be reached at p72delegate@area50wny.org
- Or consider inviting your Delegate, Denise M., or Alternate Delegate, Steve J., to your Group's Business Meeting

Questions?

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Thank you, thank you for your service to Area 50, AA, and to “the child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism” (Why Do We Need a Conference, The AA Service Manual, 2021-2023 Edition, p. S40)



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