

Delegate's Report

Area 50 General Service Assembly

September 12, 2026

Step Nine	Tradition Nine	Concept Nine
“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”	“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”	“Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.”

General Service Conference Updates:

1. 76th General Service Conference Final Report (FCR). The electronic version of the FCR was released on August 31. A PDF copy can be downloaded here: [2026 GSC Final Report](#).
 - a. Print versions of the FCR will be available for purchase in mid-October. List price will be \$5.00 USD.
 - b. The FCR is also available electronically on the Meeting Guide App, under the “News” tab.
2. Alcoholics Anonymous, 5th Edition. The new Big Book should be available for purchase by February 1, 2027. List price will be \$20.00 USD. It will have an anonymous dust cover.
3. Everything AA App. The first A.A.W.S. update to the newly-acquired app was released on September 4. Please update your app to Version 5.0 to access the latest features. There is a subscription option (either monthly or annually) to access bonus content. You can download the app here: [Everything AA App](#)

2026 Quarterly Financial Report (Second Quarter) (Unaudited)

The QFR was released on September 4. The purpose of the report is to share with the Fellowship regular updates on the financial status of A.A.’s service entities – the General Service Board, AAWS, and AAGV. The information is unaudited and subject to revision. If you’d like to review the full report, please let me know and I will provide it.

Executive Summary. For the six months ended June 30, 2026 (Q2 2026), total operating revenue is \$10,329,213, which is almost the same as the year to date (YTD) budget of \$10,318,128. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$9,561,563, which is \$481,936 less than the YTD budget of \$10,043,499. Operating surplus before depreciation is \$767,650 compared to a YTD budgeted

surplus of \$274,629. These figures do not include GSO retrofit expenditures, which are \$1,886,762 since the beginning of the project and \$1,306,573 YTD.

AAWS/GSB Key Financial Indicators:

Indicator	Q2 2026 Actual Versus YTD Budget	Q2 2026 Actual Versus Q2 2025
Contributions	\$5.018M vs \$4.830 4% more than budget	\$5.018M vs \$4.643M, 8% more than prior year
Gross Literature Sales	\$8.151M vs \$9.566M, 15% less than budget	\$8.151M vs \$8.307M, 2% less than prior year
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin) ¹	\$4.879M vs \$5.083M, 4% less than budget	\$4.879M vs \$4.239M, 15% more than prior year
Gross Margin as a Percentage of Gross Literature Sales	59.9% versus 53.1%	59.9% versus 51.0%
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$9.562M vs \$10.043M, 5% less than budget	\$9.562M vs \$9.321, 3% more than prior year
Operating Surplus before depreciation	\$768K vs \$275K	\$768K vs \$(32K)
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	4.97	6.42

AAGV Key Financial Indicators:

Indicator	Versus 2026 Budget (Dollars in thousands '000)	Versus Prior Year (6/30/2025) (Dollars in thousands '000)
Total Grapevine ("GV") Subscription Income	\$1,093k vs \$1,038k, 5% above budget	\$1,093 vs \$1,006k, 9% increase
Total GV Print-only Circulation	40,954 vs 40,900-54 subscriptions above budget	40,954 vs 42,165, an anticipated decline of 3%
GV App + Online + GV Complete Subscriptions	19,930 vs 18,990, 940 subscriptions above budget	19,930 vs 16,469, a 21% increase
Total Circulation	60,884 vs 59,890 – 994 subscriptions above budget	60,884 vs 58,634, a 4% increase
GV Subscription Net Profit Percentage	60% vs 59%	60% vs 53%

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GV Total Gross Margin (all products)	\$894k versus \$971k, 8% below budget (attributed to Change in Accounting Estimate)	\$894k vs \$862k, an increase of 4%
GV Operating Expenses	\$1,028k versus \$1,043k, 1% lower than budget	\$1,028k vs \$1,041k, a decrease of 1%
GV Net Loss	\$(201k) versus \$(140k)-\$61 below budget	\$(201k) vs \$(241k), a 17% improvement
LV Total Gross Margin	\$103k vs \$97k, \$6k above budget	\$103k vs \$81k, a 27% improvement
LV Total Circulation	6,919 vs 7,647, 9% under budget	6,919 vs 8,360, 17% decrease
LV Operating Expenses	\$310k vs \$312k, 1% below budget	\$310k vs \$318k, a decrease of 3%
LV Support from GSB	\$(219) vs \$(230), \$11k improvement compared to budget	\$(219k) vs \$(251k), a decrease of 13%

Proposed Agenda Items (PAI) – 77th General Service Conference

Policy-level items and ideas for next year's GSC are already being collected and considered for the final agenda. This is a great opportunity for your group's voice to be heard on matters affecting A.A. as a whole. If you have an idea or business item that may be useful to A.A. or better enable it to carry the message of recovery to the suffering alcoholic, then submit a PAI. The deadline to do so is **September 30, 2026**.

Here's the link to the PAI Submission Form: [PAI Submission Form](#)

2027 NERAASA

Save the date and save/earmark group funds to send your GSRs to the 36th Annual Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly. This will be held from **February 26-28, 2027, in Tarrytown, NY**. Southeastern New York (SENY) is the host.

Registration is not open yet, but you can obtain event information here: [2027 NERAASA Info](#)

2027 NERF

Area 50 is hosting next year's Northeast Regional Forum! It will be held from **May 20-23, 2027, at the Sheraton Niagara Falls Hotel**. Planning is underway, and we will need plenty of volunteers to help provide hospitality and a very warm welcome to all attendees. This Forum is a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear from members of the General Service Board, Grapevine, and the General Service Office. There will be presentations, sharing sessions, and workshops, along with meaningful fellowship. Confirm if you are planning to attend here: [NERF 2027 Registration Planning](#)

Yours in love and service,
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