
Delegate Report – Area Committee, September 14, 2019

Panel 68, Area 29



Maryland General Service, Inc.

Thank you, District 9, for hosting today's Area Committee, and everyone here for fulfilling your commitment to ensure that A.A. will still be available for future generations. I hope you are getting your service resumes ready and will consider standing as a candidate for Area Office at our Biennial Elections Assembly next month. As always, there is a lot going on in Alcoholics Anonymous. Here are a few recent highlights.

General Service Board News

Seven Goals of GSB Strategic Plan: (1) Model inclusivity and acceptance in accordance with our Third Tradition. (2) Work on our relationships with professionals. (3) Effective communications. (4) Identify new places and audiences to bring the A.A. message of hope. (5) Improve internal communications among the three boards. (6) Make the General Service Board a role model in promoting the importance of public anonymity. (7) Communicate what GSO does as a result of Seventh Tradition contributions and share more stories about how individuals have been touched by our message of hope.

General Service Conference

Hard-copy 69th General Service Conference *Final Reports* arrived a few days after our August Area Assembly, and nearly a thousand have been delivered to most districts, intergroups, and Spanish language groups in Area 29. The last 150 English booklets are available here today. An anonymity-protected electronic version of the *Final Report* has been posted at marylandaa.org.

The 70th GSC, "2020: A Clear Vision for You," will be in Rye Brook, New York from April 19-25. Presentation/Discussion Topics are *Recovery - Who is Missing in Our Rooms?*, *Unity - Practicing Our Principles*, & *Service - Keeping AA Relevant*. The Workshop Topic is *Attraction Through Action*.

Any A.A. member can have direct input to the 71st GSC by suggesting our Conference theme, presentation topics, and/or workshop topic for 2021. Send ideas to delegate@marylandaa.org by Dec. 8 for submission to the 2020 Conference.

A.A. World Service, Inc. News



Love and Tolerance Is Our Code

2020 International Convention: Online and mail-in registration for the 2020 I.C. in Detroit opened on Monday 9/09, and thousands of members already have registered at aa.org and then reserved hotel rooms.

2020 I.C. Hospitality Suite: Area 29 has applied to host a Hospitality Suite at the 2020 International Convention. Because requests are processed on a first come, first served basis, we have been assured that we will be approved. Our Area Treasurers have been setting aside \$700.00 per year into a special reserve account which will total \$3,500.00 to be used for room rent, tables, tablecloths, chairs, refreshments, mementos, and security for our archival materials. Stay tuned to find out how you can assist in our hospitality efforts next July 2-5 in the Motor City. We also may wish to consider participating in a 2020 I.C. Hospitality Suite hosted by the Northeast Region.

New GSO Staff Assignments:

Accessibilities/Remote Communities ~ Irene D.
Communication Services ~ Clement C.
Conference Coordinator ~ Patrick C.
C.P.C./Treatment ~ Diana L.
Corrections ~ Brenda B.
Group Services ~ Jeff W.
International ~ Eva S.
2020 International Convention ~ Julio E.
Literature ~ Steve S.
Nominating ~ Rick W.
Public Information ~ Racy J.
Regional Forums ~ Sandra J.
Staff Coordinator ~ Mary C.

Jeff W. is our principal Northeast Regional contact and also handles all matters involving intergroups. Former Marylander Stephanie L. serves as a GSO Senior Manager & Strategist, and performs tasks as a special assistant to the General Manager.

ERP: The Enterprise Resource Planning database launched on 8/05/19. This NetSuite system automatically assigns a new Group Service Number when a group contribution is made to GSO. Please visit marylandaa.org to read Area 29 Registrar Ray T.'s helpful tutorial on how to navigate the new system.

International: The anonymity-protected digital version of the 25th World Service Meeting *Final Report* is available for download at www.aa.org. The 26th WSM will be held in 2020 in Rye Brook, New York. The committee recommended to the GSB that delegates to the 26th WSM be invited to attend the 10/31–11/02/2020 Board Weekend as guests of the US/Canada General Service Board.

Technology Communications Services (TCS): Version 3.0 of the Meeting Guide App was released on September 5. It includes enhanced search capabilities, *Daily Reflections*, and a communications function.



AA Grapevine & La Viña News

Work has started with a contractor in Mexico to create a Spanish audiobook version of *Language of the Heart*. A search has begun to find a reliable vendor to resume the La Viña SMS service by providing a weekly La Viña quote to the many Spanish-speaking members who have text capability but no email address.

Regional & National News

NERDs on Tour! ~ Eleven of our Northeast Regional Delegates will speak at events in Baltimore and Harford County on the weekend of September 27-29. Go to marylandaa.org for the full schedule of events.

NAATW ~ National A.A. Technology Workshop in Bowling Green, KY, from 9/20-22/2019.

ICOOA Seminar ~ Intergroup/Central Office Seminar in Mesa, AZ, from 9/26-29/2019.

Corrections Conference ~ National Corrections Conference in Houston, TX, from 11/01-03/2019.

Around Area 29

- 09/14 WCI 12th Step Workshop, Frederick, 6-9pm
- 09/15 HAIG Call Center Workshop, Hagerstown
- 09/21 P.I. Outreach, Recovery Walk, Ellicott City
- 09/22 District 10 Unity Picnic, Parkville
- 09/27-29 NERDs on Tour, Bmore/Harford County
- 09/28 District 41 Picnic, New Market
- 09/28 District 30 Picnic, Havre de Grace
- 09/28 District 19 Picnic, Baltimore
- 10/05 District 20 History Workshop, Hagerstown
- 10/06 District 31 Crab Feast, Annapolis
- 10/10 District 7 Elections, Columbia
- 10/12 D11/28/30 History Workshop, Port Deposit
- 10/12 D40 Steps 10 & 11 Workshop, Frederick
- 10/19 Area 29 Elections Assembly, Severna Park
- 10/25-26 WCI/D40/D41 Frederick Roundup
- 10/26 D42 12&12 Workshop, Crownsville
- 10/26 District 18 Halloween Dance, Arbutus
- 10/29 IGLC Conference Call, 6:30 pm


Yours in love and service,

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Our Seventh Tradition of self-support includes subscribing to Grapevine or La Viña. Help Carry the Message by sponsoring a subscription for a newcomer, inmate, library, hospital or treatment center!



Grapevine and La Viña have a new product catalog which you can download from aagrapevine.org. And check out the new La Viña online store!



Delegate Travels...

- 09/27-29 – NERDs on Tour, NE Maryland
- 10/01 – District 15 meeting, Owings Mills
- 10/14 – Baltimore Intergroup
- 11/02 – District 10 Elections, Parkville
- 11/03 – Speak on Trad 11, Germantown
- 11/05 – District 32 & OC IG, Ocean City
- 11/16 – Area Committee Meeting, Easton
- 11/30 – WAIA/Area 13 Hispanic Forum