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# Delegate Report – Area Elections Assembly, October 19, 2019

Panel 68, Area 29



Maryland General Service, Inc.

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Thank you for exercising your right and your responsibility to vote today in our biennial Area 29 Elections Assembly, as we choose our next Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Area Secretary, and Area Treasurer for the 2020-2021 service term by following A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure. Regular business will be suspended in order to conduct the Elections, so here's a written summary of current A.A. service activities:

## General Service Board News

**Board Activities:** The joint A.A.W.S./AAGV Board meeting that took place during the 69th GSC included discussions of collaboration opportunities with staff and service desks, unified ordering, ERP, and shared governance regarding online sales, YouTube apps, etc. Our Trustees are developing recommendations to clarify floor action protocols at the GSC. The next GSB quarterly meeting will be held in Rye Brook, NY, from November 2-4, 2019. This will be preceded on November 1 by a meeting of the A.A.W.S. Board, which will also gather on December 6 following its Strategic Planning meeting on December 5. Our Trustees, Non-Trustee Directors, and Appointed Committee Members stay very busy volunteering their services to A.A.

## General Service Conference

Any proposals originating from Area 29 for 70th General Service Conference Agenda Items in 2020 should be submitted in writing by 11/06/19 in order to be included on the Agenda of the MGS November 16 Area Committee Meeting in Saint Michael's. Send to: [chairperson@marylandaa.org](mailto:chairperson@marylandaa.org) and [secretary@marylandaa.org](mailto:secretary@marylandaa.org).

The 2020 GSC schedule will include discussions about visioning, strategic planning, and other substantial items related to the future of A.A. Subcommittees have been appointed to consider the process for finalizing agenda items not forwarded to a Conference Committee and to address equitable distribution of workload issues.

The deadline for submitting ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference theme, presentation topics, and/or workshop topic is 12/09/19. Send your suggestions to: [delegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:delegate@marylandaa.org).

## A.A. World Service, Inc. News

**2020 International Convention:** July 2-5 in Detroit, MI. Area 29 has been approved to host a



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Hospitality Room in the Ambassador Suite of the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, which is only 0.4 mile from the TCF (Cobo) Center. Your suggestions of speakers and meeting chairs for the 2020 I.C. should be sent at least

two days before the Friday 11/15/19 submission deadline to: [delegate@marylandaa.org](mailto:delegate@marylandaa.org).

**Archives:** Wherever possible, future printings of the Archives Workbook will eliminate gender specific language.

**Corrections:** The third annual National Corrections Conference will be held from November 1-3, 2019, in Houston, TX. Go to: <http://www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org/>

**ERP:** The Enterprise Resource Planning system is converting the old Fellowship New Vision group records database to the NetSuite *My Portal* software. We can expect disruptions in our Area Registrar's capacity to access group information during this upgrade process.

**IT Services:** An International A.A. Data Map will be added to [aa.org](http://aa.org) once an interface with the new ERP NetSuite system has been developed. GSO plans to launch a Meeting Finder service on the upgraded [aa.org](http://aa.org) website, once customer support functions can be clarified. Our local intergroups have requested a decentralized procedure for answering customer questions, since GSO does not have the information or the resources to handle that function.

**Literature:** Our Big Book is now available in 71 languages, with 23 languages pending, 16 new translations in process, and 5 revisions/retranslations. The *12 & 12* is available in 48 languages, with a pending translation in Arabic & a revised Czech translation. *Daily Reflections* is currently printed in 34 languages.

**Public Information:** P.I. is working with Publishing to develop postcard-style service pieces with brief excerpted content about A.A.



### A.A. Grapevine & La Viña News

Grapevine is implementing a 3-year Strategic Plan which incorporates the Fellowship Feedback Project and works closely with the web vendor. La Viña's 23rd anniversary was celebrated from July 26-28 in Fresno, CA. A brand new Spanish wallet card lists 12 ways GV/LV can help us in our daily 12th Step work. *One Big Tent* is now available in Spanish. Supporting Grapevine & La Viña is an important component of our 7th Tradition!

### Regional & National News

**WAIA Old Timers Meeting** ~ Nov 8, Olney, MD  
**Mass Convention** ~ Nov 8-10, Framingham, MA  
**CSCYPAA** ~ Nov 29-Dec 1, Cromwell, CT  
**Hispanic Forum** ~ Nov 30, Silver Spring, MD  
**NECYPAA** ~ Dec 27-29, Warwick, RI  
**NERAASA 2020** ~ Feb 21-23, Nashua, NH  
**R.I. Convention** ~ Mar 20-22, Newport, RI  
**Area 70 Convention** ~ Apr 3-5, Manchester, VT

### Around Area 29

10/19 **D14 Elections**, 12:00 noon, Severna Park  
 10/19 **D1 Soberween**, 6:30-11, Prince Frederick  
 10/19 **Mtg & Costume Dance**, 8pm Hagerstown  
 10/20 **NE MD Grat Bkfst**, 8am, Havre de Grace  
 10/20 **D20 Meeting**, 5 pm, Hagerstown  
 10/21 **D40 Meeting**, 6:45 pm, Frederick  
 10/21 **D1 Meeting**, 7 pm, Prince Frederick  
 10/22 **Deadline to submit Margenser articles**  
 10/25-26 **WCI/D40/D41 Frederick Roundup**  
 10/26 **D19 Elections**, 10 am, Baltimore  
 10/26 **D33 Meeting**, 10 am, Cockeysville  
 10/26 **D42 12&12 Wkshp**, 11 am, Crownsville  
 10/26 **D18 Halloween Dance**, 7-11pm, Arbutus  
 10/27 **Hagerstown Area IG Meeting**, 3:30 pm  
 10/29 **New Market Tue Night 4th Anniv**, 6pm  
 10/30 **D6 Meeting**, 7 pm, Davidsonville  
 10/31 **West Central IG Mtg**, 7 pm, Frederick  
 11/01 **D11 Meeting**, 6 pm, North East  
 11/02 **D9 Hm Grp Wkshp**, 10a-12, Westminster  
 11/02 **Traditions Grp Potluck** 1-4pm, California  
 11/02 **D18 Elections**, 4 pm, Catonsville  
 11/02 **D10 Elections & Chili Cook-off**, Parkville  
 11/04 **IGLC Conference Call**, 6:30-7:30 pm  
 11/05 **D32 & OC IG Meetings**, 5:30, Ocean City  
 11/05 **D15 Meeting**, 7 pm, Owings Mills  
 11/05 **D31 Meeting**, 7:30 pm, Arnold

11/06 **D34 Meeting**, 6 pm, Brooklyn  
 11/06 **D22 Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Annapolis  
 11/06 **D41 Meeting**, 7:30 pm, New Market  
 11/07 **D35 Meeting**, 7 pm, Waldorf  
 11/09 **Step 4 Workshop**, 9-11:30 am, Severn  
 11/09 **So MD IG Mtg**, 10 am, Prince Frederick  
 11/09 **Waldorf Group 50th Anniversary**, 8 pm  
 11/10 **D39 Meeting**, 7 pm, Dundalk  
 11/11 **Baltimore IG Council Meeting**, 8 pm  
 11/12 **D36 Elections**, 6:30 pm, Hollywood  
 11/12 **NE MD IG Meeting**, 7 pm, Aberdeen  
 11/12 **D42 Elections**, 7:30 pm, Crofton  
 11/13 **Midshore IG Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Easton  
 11/13 **D30 Meeting**, 7 pm, Havre de Grace  
 11/14 **Lower Shore IG Meeting**, 6pm Salisbury  
 11/14 **D4 Meeting**, 7 pm, Towson  
 11/14 **D7 Meeting**, 7 pm, Columbia  
 11/15 **D17 & Western MD IG**, 6 pm, Frostburg  
 11/15 **Baltimore Institution Committee**, 7 pm  
 11/16 **Area Committee Meeting**, St. Michael's  
 11/16 **Meditation Workshop**, 9am-noon, Arnold  
 11/16 **OC IG Speaker Jam**, 2-5 pm, Ocean City  
 11/16 **WCI Game Night**, 5:30-9 pm, Frederick  
 11/18 **D40 Elections**, 6:45 pm, Frederick  
 11/19 **Annapolis Area IG Meeting**, 7 pm  
 11/19 **D9 Elections**, 7 pm, Westminster  
 11/20 **D37 Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Easton  
 11/20 **D28 Meeting**, 7 pm, Bel Air  
 11/28 **D30 Alcathon**, 10a-10p, Havre de Grace  
 11/30 **D7 Gratitude Breakfast**, 8a, Ellicott City  
 12/06-08 **Big Book Comes Alive**, St. Michael's  
 12/07 **Area Assembly**, 9a-3p, Severna Park  
 12/14 **D22 Step 4 Workshop**, 9a-12, Annapolis  
 1/31-2/02 **Footprints in the Winter Sand**, O.C.  
 03/20-22 **Southern MD Roundup**, Solomons  
 06/05-07 **50th MD State Convention**, Frederick

Yours in love and service,

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### Delegate Travels...

- 11/02 – District 10 Elections, Parkville
- 11/05 – D32 & OC Intergroup, Ocean City
- 11/09 – Waldorf Group 50th Anniversary
- 11/11 – Baltimore Intergroup Council
- 11/16 – Area Committee, St. Michael's
- 11/30 – D7 Gratitude Brkfst, Ellicott City
- 11/30 – Hispanic Forum, Silver Spring
- 12/07 – Area Assembly, Severna Park