

Greeting,

As the second month of the year rolls in, conversations are happening from land to sea. This is an awesome time to be involved in General Service. I hope that you are excited about this as I am.

We announced last month that registration is open for PRAASA. If are planning on attending and haven't registered, please do so as soon as possible. The agenda hasn't been presented at this time. It should come out in the next week or so.

I have been working on the area highlights. This is part of the program for first year Delegates to get a description of their area. They have to be submitted to GSO and PRAASA. I have also been given a topic to present on. I am very excited about my topic and have started working on my presentation.

As part of the Policy and Admissions Committee, I got a full report from the chair of the committee of the events from Board weekend. The Pacific Regional Trustee gave her report from Board weekend. The report is 14 pages. I will only take a few items from the report. If you would like the full report, please let me know. [English](#)

There is a new Group Form that was introduced by the Group Services Coordinator. New features include the option to list a meeting as in-person or virtual. Other additions include hyperlinks: a free subscription to Box 4-5-9, a digital group handbook, lists of area registrars, and area websites. Also updated is the Change of Information Form, now titled "G.S.O. Group Information Change Form." The D.C.M./D.C.M.C. form update will soon be complete.

The Regional Forums assignment is coordinating plans for four in-person 2022 Regional Forums:

- May 13-15 ... Eastern Canada ... Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- June 3-5 ... Western Canada ... Winnipeg, MB
- Sept 16-18 ... Pacific ... Salt Lake City, UT
- Dec. 2-4 ... Southeast ... New Orleans, LA

If you, or someone you know, is interested in Job postings at our GSO, please see:

- <https://www.aa.org/contact-gso> and scroll down to "Careers."

There is currently a staff position that is available. Here are the links in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

There, you'll find a current vacancy (with a stated preference for a bi-lingual candidate).

Progress report on Meeting Guide App: The App team launched the fourth major application upgrade since App development was handed over to Foster Made. The App team has received positive feedback regarding this latest release, which included features requested by our users and entities. The number of connected entities continues to increase. Version upgrade, App v.3.9.0, includes:

- The attend option allows users to display only in-person or online meetings. Hybrid meetings will show up under both attend options.
- The ability to change the distance radius of the location search.

- The inclusion of online notes on Meeting Details provides a specific area to display such information as online platform meeting IDs and passwords.

Our Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, is available in 73 languages, with 28 languages pending and 20 new translations in progress. Our *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* book is available in 51 languages, with 3 translations pending.

Throughout 2021, the total number of translation reviews completed by our independent translation-evaluation services stands at 50 reviews across 21 languages. This signifies a significant uptick in review activity for 2021 over 2020, when reviews totaled 27 across 14 languages. As of December 31, 2021, items of A.A. literature are available in 111 languages, including Haitian Creole.

AA Grapevine Upcoming Magazine Topics through 2022:

- February: Getting Through Tough Times,
- March: Emotional Sobriety,
- April: What's on Your Mind?
- May: 60th Anniversary of Our Twelve Concepts
- June: Oldtimers.

Upcoming Grapevine Books, Planned for 2022:

- *Fun in Sobriety* (due our April 23, 2022).

AA La Viña Upcoming Magazine Topics (2021 – 2022):

- Mar. – Apr.: Newcomers,
- May - June: The Three Legacies
- July – Aug.: Prison Issue.

Upcoming La Viña Books, Planned for 2022:

- Production has begun on *Emotional Sobriety* in time for a Fall release.

Finance

Gross literature sales for 2021 were \$11,700,254. This exceeds the 2021 budget of \$11,400,000 by \$300,254 (3%) and is \$2,538,846 more than last year.

December gross sales were \$1,211,891. Gross sales averaged \$975,021 per month compared to a budget of \$950,000 per month.

Contributions for 2021 were \$10,782,983. This exceeds the 2021 budget of \$10,000,000 by \$782,983 (8%) and is \$526,296 more than last year. December contributions were \$1,365,912. Contributions averaged \$898,582 per month compared to a budget of \$833,333 per month.

La Viña results: For the unaudited results for December 31, 2021, average paid subscriptions for La Viña were 6,312 compared to 5,597 budgeted and 7,205 in December 2020.

Reserve Fund report: As of September 30, 2021, the Reserve Fund balance net of Grapevine subscription liability is \$12,806,277, which represents 8.48 months of G.S.O. and Grapevine expenses. This was based on 2021 Expenses. Based on the 2022 budgeted expenses this falls to 7.5 months (Target is 9-12 months.)

Literature

Keep your eyes and ears open for a call for stories for the following items. Formal announcements will be made through Box 459, Meeting Guide App, etc.

Black and African American Pamphlet

Native American Pamphlet

5th Edition BB

4th Edition Spanish BB

The committee will work with AAGV on different ways to collect stories that they have been able to utilize.

The conference agenda items have been updated and distributed. They can be found on the Delegate's Corner. All the Advisory actions from 1957 to 2021 have been posted as well. They are password protected. (Ask for password). I have meet with Richard and we believe that we have come up with the list of items that we will discuss. I will also be sending some items directly to committees for your input. I will be asking individuals to present at the workshops. We have selected dates for the workshop. The workshops are designed to help you be able to present the information to your groups. I will be looking for input from our members especially those who think that what we do is pollical. I look forward to your participation and input. Your input can be submitted via our area website on the Delegate's corner. You can comment on any agenda item, and it will come right to me.

Since our last ACM, I got to help GSDYAA with their elections. I also attended NSDYPA for one of their regular meetings. Both committees have been invited to the ACM to participate in the service structure.

Please remind your GSR and members to attend one or all of the Conference Agenda Workshops. There will be a flyer with all the information.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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