

August Delegate ACM Report

As I set down to write this report, I am not sure where to start. Life is in full swing and some of my character defects have started to raise their little heads. Being involved, connecting with my sponsor and service sponsor has helped me tremendously. I still get to work on being present and enjoying life.

Since the last ACM, I have visited a few districts 2, 8, and 18. There have been several calls and meetings that I have attended. Countless returned and still more to follow up on.

I got to speak with our Pacific Regional Trustee about the 2026 Pacific Regional Forum and our upcoming elections. She is constantly on the go doing her duties and committee assignments. Right now, the plan is for her to come to town on Friday and flight out after the elections. I will invite her to a couple of meetings if she has time while she is here.

With the elections just around the corner, I hope that if you are planning on standing you are getting ready. Taking a commitment to better or improve your life and helping others is the name of the game. As the Delegate, I have learned so much. This has been an experience of a lifetime.

I received some very sad news last week. Gary U Past Delegate 30 passed away recently. I got to meet him and his wife a few years ago. He was a funny and wonderful person. He loved this program and it showed when he spoke. Please keep his wife Alyce and family in your thoughts and prayers.

I got to speak with the current and past Delegate from Area 17 Hawaii. Maui is very heavily damaged. The hardest hit regions could use support. Please continue to pray for them.

The GS board met the last weekend of July. We received two reports from the Pacific Regional Trustee. The 1st report is 17 pages, and the 2nd is 23 pages. Don't worry, I will not bore you with the entire report. I will only give a few highlights. If you would like the full report, I will send it to you.

Board weekend is designed for the committees to give in-reports on work accomplished this year. Highlights from the weekend:

Extend the PAI submission deadline for the 74th GSC. The committee discussed the consideration and took no action. TGSCC discussed proposed summaries and a timeline of key dates for the 74th GSC timeline to support the translation deadline for distributing conference background in all three languages. The committee heard from the Executive Editor and the Language Services Department Manager, and the Conference Coordinator and expressed support of a workable timeline. The GSB adopted the following:

- Any completed items that are intended to be Conference background be submitted to their committee secretary as soon as it is available or by November 13.
- All Conference bound work from trustee committees such as progress reports, plans, or drafts be submitted no later than November 13, except when:
- If the item(s) will not be available by November 13, submit a list of those item(s) with a completion date to the Conference Coordinator.

The deadline to post background material in all three languages is February 16-23, 2024, with status updates from the conference coordinator on any remaining background material.

Subcommittee on Conference Inventory – Established working group that consisted of 73rd GSC Conference members developed a list of proposed inventory questions to be considered. Next steps are to form a GSC Inventory Planning Committee at the August meeting.

Effectiveness of CPC exhibits: Publications that were popular with professionals, reflecting inclusivity of "Hispanic Woman in A.A.," "A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic" and "LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A."

CPC Committee Kit and Workbook: "A Member's-Eye View of A.A." has been removed from the kit per the Conference Committee on CPC as it may appear outdated and less effective for providing information about A.A. to the professional community.

GSO Finances

Operating Cash: As of June 30, operating cash was only \$331,963 which represents 0.23 months (less than one week) of 2023 budget GSO operating expenses of \$17,085,479. As of July 17, operating cash on hand is \$528,108 which represents 0.37 months (between one and two weeks) of 2023 budget operating expenses. Operating cash as of December 31 was \$514,337, so cash as of July 17 is \$13,771 less than at the beginning of the year. Our current cash challenge is due to a residual effect of 2022 activity and delayed collection of accounts receivable owed to us. In an effort to manage cashflow we have deferred and prioritized payments. This has resulted in increased past due balances owing to our vendors, especially literature printers, our landlord, and our warehouses. Meanwhile, the office has implemented deferrals of expenditures where possible and is developing a plan for improved management of accounts receivable.

Expense: Year to date salary expense is \$3,993,977 which is 93% of the budget of \$4,284,167 and \$293,219 (8%) more than last year. The variance in budget is due to open positions. The variance to last year is due to new positions in Translation, Licensing, and Intellectual Property and Language Services. Employee benefits expense is \$914,215 which is 90% of the budget of \$1,017,784 and \$79,539 (10%) more than last year.

Surplus/Deficit: After depreciation, the operating deficit is \$235,314, which compares favorably to a budgeted deficit of \$769,718 but unfavorably to a deficit of \$114,399 last year. Including nonoperating revenue and expenses, the overall deficit is \$209,082 which compares favorably to a budgeted deficit of \$1,171,673 and a deficit of \$1,652,758 last year. The major non-operating revenue is a gain of \$624,429 in the market value of the post-retirement medical plan assets. This is a non-cash transaction. Non-operating expenses are \$766,614.

Reserve Fund report: As of June 30, the assets in the reserve fund total \$13,098,822. After subtracting the \$573,012 Grapevine subscription liability, the reserve fund balance is \$12,525,810. This represents 7.11 months of 2023 budgeted GSO, Grapevine, and La Viña operating expenses of \$21,152,365.

Trustees' Literature Committee

Ongoing items related to Advisory Actions Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic": The committee reviewed a progress report that included a draft of the updated pamphlet with the new title "Black in A.A. Experience, Strength and Hope."

Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American": The committee reviewed a progress report and the work to date on call for stories, story selection and working group service position search. A request to reappoint the Appointed Committee Member, Gerry R, has been forwarded to the trustees' Nominating Committee.

Review progress report regarding the development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonimos*: The committee received a verbal update regarding the pamphlet development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonimos*, and the progress to date. An appointed committee member (ACM) has been selected and the candidate's name has been forwarded to the trustees' Nominating Committee.

Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: The committee discussed concerns related to the management of the substantial number of stories submitted by the Fellowship and the involvement of additional readers to streamline the reading process.

Review progress report regarding a draft version of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition), translated into plain and simple language, and accessible and relatable to as wide an audience as possible: The committee accepted the proposed update to the subcommittee scope including a modification to the subcommittee's name as the "Subcommittee for the Development of the Plain Language Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Ongoing items related to committee considerations Discuss the draft pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated": The committee discussed the 2023 Conference Committee on Trustees consideration regarding the request to develop a new draft of the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated" and agreed to forward the item to the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature to seek additional clarity and information on the graphic style direction intended for the update.

Discuss the development of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" in video animation format: The committee discussed the 2023 Conference Committee on Trustees consideration regarding the adaptation of a video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" published by the General Service Board of A.A. Great Britain. The committee requested that the Publishing department explore options for revising and adapting the existing video animation of the pamphlet.

The committee accepted the status of the matrix of A.A. recovery literature and all A.A. pamphlets.

Review the mockup of the 2022 Membership Survey webpage: The committee agreed that the mockup of the 2022 AA Membership Survey webpage is in great shape with some minor edits. The committee decided that the production of the pamphlet and the webpage should occur and be rolled out together, if possible.

The production and distribution of the book *Daily Reflections* in Audiobook format, English, Spanish and French are available on all major platforms. Listed cost is \$11.99.

The format of the Box 4-5-9 newsletter is being continually refreshed and distribution has been expanded to include the General Service Representative list. Currently, more than 60,000 members are receiving the newsletter.

Grapevine

App Roll Out - The committee had not met but has been in close contact with the Publisher for the app development. The App roll out will take place at ICYPAA (San Francisco, CA) and the US and Canada Hispanic Convention (Seattle, WA) both on SeptP1 – 4, 2023. The Ad hoc committee Chair, Publisher and Director of Operations will be meeting with the ICYPAA Grapevine team to discuss further details. The LV editor and AAGVB Chair will be working with the US and Canada Hispanic Convention host committee to finalize details of participation.

App subscription's plan is for three subscription types:

Monthly subscription Annual subscription

GV DIGITAL Subscription. Includes the app and full access to the GV website \$2.99 \$28.97

GV PRINT Subscription. Paper magazine only \$28.97

GV COMPLETE Subscription. Includes the app, full access to the GV website and paper magazine \$54.00

Bimonthly subscription Annual subscription

LV DIGITAL. Subscription. Includes the app and full access to the

LV website \$2.99 \$14.45 LV PRINT Subscription. Paper magazine only \$14.45

LV COMPLETE. Subscription. Includes the app, full access to the GV website and paper magazine \$27.00

Recent Grapevine magazines released:

- JUNE — Our “Twelve & Twelve” book –70 Wonderful Years! • JULY Annual Prison Issue.
- AUG— AA in the Military—done—out now. • Grapevine magazines currently in production and on schedule:
 - SEPT— Young & Sober & New GV/LV Apps!—done, printing.
 - OCT—Mid-Sobriety Challenges—proofing.
 - NOV—Gratitude—stories edited, art meeting.
 - DEC—Remote Communities & Holiday Stories—stories being edited.
 - JAN—Emotional Sobriety—stories being selected.
- Our Twelve Steps—New Spring Book— a brand-new collection of stories from AA members about the joys and challenges of working the program’s Twelve Steps of recovery.
- Podcast – working with hosts to connect with interview subjects from current stories in magazine and important GV & LV information.

- Audio Project: New push to get members involved and get more audio stories.

I am still available to visit your districts or groups. There are several districts that I have not visited yet. If you would like me to come out, please let me know.

I will be attending ICYPAA in San Francisco. I have been asked to speak on a panel. I look forward to being part of such a great event.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Monty C

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