AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS (PAI) & OTHER UPDATES

The *deadline* to submit proposed agenda items (PAIs) for consideration at the 76th General Service Conference next April-May has passed (September 30th). This invariably means that the Conference Coordinator – a staff assignment at your General Service Office – has been quite busy addressing these proposals. Detailing, specifically, how this works from here would be an exhaustive exercise for this report, but, in brief, proposed agenda items will generally be forwarded to trustee's committees for consideration. The near-frantic push to submit items prior to a deadline is, frankly, such of human nature when there are deadlines at play. Alcoholics are no exception to this rule.

I brought an item for consideration by the Area 11 Committee in the month of September at our regular Area 11 Committee meeting. The item (inspired by a discussion point brought by a DCM at our Area 11 Roundup) read as follows "Consider a request to adopt a subscription model for literature currently made available on AA.org at no cost."

During the Area Committee meeting, there was some discussion around the rationale for the proposal, discussion pro and con, and a sense of the body was taken. The item obtained a sense of the body – a form of "approval" to submit to the Conference Coordinator for consideration for next year's conference. In Area 11, there presently exists no *formalized* process, but our spiritual principles make clear that ample discussion and vote on matters of such consideration are of importance. I received feedback that the process seemed rushed and that I missed an opportunity to inform our membership about how PAI submissions work, why I found this proposal worthy of consideration by the Conference, and, further, what happens next.

In summary, the primary reason for this proposal was a hope for our practices in A.A. to better align with our spiritual principles. Our 7th Tradition suggests we be fully self-supporting by voluntary contributions from our own members. Our 12th Concept Essay (p. C-52 of A.A. Service Manual) suggest literature "profits" be utilized by the General Service Board as primarily a mechanism for funding our reserve fund. Currently, the General Service Board derives nearly half of its working capital from literature profits.

In brief, what happens from here is... if this item ends up on the Agenda (big IF) for the 76th General Service Conference, all 93 Delegate Areas will have an opportunity to discuss this item, and any background locally. This part of the process is where we truly obtain access to the collective conscience of our whole fellowship. The act of submitting this proposal is but a small part of a longer and more deliberate process. Please stay tuned for any updates and please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

As chair of the Policy/Admissions Conference Committee, I've had the opportunity to connect with Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee Kerry Meyer a couple of times this year. The function of those two connections were to debrief *prior* to board weekend in July and again recently to wrap on happenings *after* that weekend. We will be at it again in October where my full committee will have an opportunity to see any Proposed Agenda items that *may* fall on the Policy/Admissions committee's 2026 agenda. This list will be rather unofficial, still, and will be finalized when the Conference Agenda comes out around February of 2026.

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Area 11 Key Dates:

October 26, 2025 District 10 Gratitude & Love of Service



November 28 - 30 CSCYPAA



March 21, 2026

Area 11 Roundup

More Details to Come!

November 2 9AM-4PM Area 11 Fall Assembly (Hybrid)



FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT (FCR)

On page one, there is a quick link to our 75th General Service Conference Final Report. This report is your annual report on happenings in Alcoholics Anonymous at your General Service Conference. I wish to make this document more approachable and, short of simply pointing you to the index on page 2, I would encourage you to check out a few sections in particular. Those are:

- Finance Report (page 23)
- Conference Inventory Summary (page 31)
- Conference Advisory actions beginning on page 36 (Note: these are the formal requests of the General Service Conference)
- 2025 Conference Members beginning on page 174 (a new Non-Trustee Director from Area 11 has a brief introduction on page 179)

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, Alternate Delegate, Jeff, or your DCM.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL FORUM

As a reminder, the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) is coming up quickly. Registration is \$0.00. All members interested in service in Alcoholics Anonymous are encouraged to attend. While no "business" is conducted at a forum, these regional events bring our membership very close to the action, so to speak, as members of our AAWS board, AAGV board, General Service Office, and fellow trusted servants at the district and area levels from around the region will be in attendance. There an informative video about the function of these forums in the right side margin. Check it out and hopefully see you there!

BOX 459

The newest edition of Box 459 is out and linked to on the front page! check it out for a wrap-up of the International Convention in Vancouver and some upcoming events across the US/Canada structure. Including our very own 40th CSCYPAA! There is also a "sampling" of Advisory Actions of the 75th General Service Conference. This is not an exhaustive list, but are items that may be of higher interest to our broader membership. As referenced above, a full listing of Advisory Actions is available in the Conference Final Report.

AAWS HIGHLIGHTS

AAWS highlights, detailing recent business of the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (AAWS) board came out the day this report was finalized. I have not gotten a chance to fully review yet, but those highlights can be found under the "What's New" page on www.aa.org. Linked to here.

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KEY DATES AROUND THE REGION AND BEYOND:

NERF

(NORTHEAST REGIONAL FORUM) PROVIDENCE, RI DECEMBER 5 - 7



Regional Forum Video

NATIONAL AA TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 7 - 9



NORTHEAST REGIONAL AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026



Seeing this report in print but wish you had all the links? ct-aa.org/area-11-reports has recent Delegate's reports & Area 11 Treasurer's reports!

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