

44th General Service Conference "Spirit of Sacrifice"

As it has for the past 43 years, the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous met for A.A.'s annual "business meeting" to express the group conscience of A.A. in the United States and Canada. This year's Conference was held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, New York City, April 17-23.

Why does Alcoholics Anonymous have an annual Conference? In his opening remarks on Sunday, Jim Estelle, (nonalcoholic) chairman of the General Service Board, quoted the late Bernard Smith, nonalcoholic chairman of the board, 1951-1956: "The General Service Conference of A.A. is, of course, the practical instrument for preserving, enhancing, and administering this great Third Legacy of Service. The concept of the Conference from the beginning has been simple and compelling. It is grounded in the belief that all of us who have been associated with A.A. during its early growth and development owe an obligation to society. That obligation is to insure that this fellowship survives, that this flame of faith, this beacon light of hope for the world, must never be extinguished." (*A.A. Comes of Age*, p. 280)

Who makes up these 133 voting Conference members? Trustees of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors and staff members. And, of course, the 91 delegates who come to represent their service areas throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Who are these delegates? They come from every state in the Union and each Canadian province. The average age of a delegate is 52.6, the oldest being 72 and the youngest, 32. Average length of sobriety, 13.8 years, spanning a range of 36 to 6 years; average length of A.A. service, 11.5 years, with the longest service 23 and the shortest 5 years.

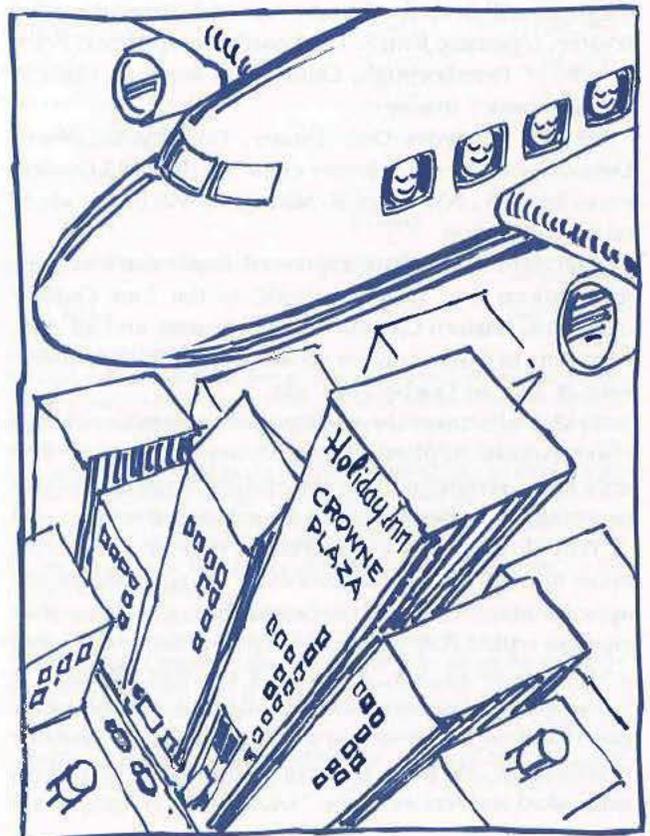
Vice chairpersons of this year's Conference were: Jim Estelle, Class A (nonalcoholic) chairman of the board; George D., G.S.O.'s general manager; John Hartley Smith, M.D., Class A trustee; and Diane W., delegate from California Northern Coastal Area, who also served as the delegate chairperson. Conference coordinator was G.S.O. staff member Valerie O'N.

The Conference began Sunday morning with roll call. The keynote address was given by Greg M., Pacific

regional trustee. Each of the eleven standing Conference committees then met with the corresponding trustees' committee to begin to address various agenda items. Conference committees also met Monday and Tuesday to discuss and make recommendations to be presented to the entire Conference for their discussion, consideration and vote.

Following the opening dinner Sunday evening there was an open A.A. meeting, chaired by Marc L. (D.C.). The meeting was led by Gay W. (Utah); speakers were: Jean S. (general service trustee); Pat D. (South Florida/Bermuda/V.I.); Anne M. (Hawaii); Richard R. (A.A.W.S. director); and Valerie O'N. (G.S.O. staff).

There was also an open A.A. meeting each morning



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at 7:30, chaired by Pat D., with Denise B., Southeast New York, serving as secretary/treasurer.

Presentations throughout the week addressed the Conference theme, "Spirit of Sacrifice," as reflected through A.A.'s Twelve Traditions and co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob's last messages. There were also reports on Finance; the upcoming 1995 International Convention; Records; and the Ad Hoc Committee on Copyright and Trademark Protection.

Throughout the week Area Service Highlights were given by Panel 44 delegates. There were also several What's On Your Mind? sharing sessions and a Workshop based on the Conference theme. On Wednesday afternoon regional trustee elections were held. Julian R., of Boulder City, Nevada, will become the new Pacific regional trustee, replacing Greg M.; William B., of Corner Brook, Newfoundland, will replace Marc P. as Eastern Canada regional trustee. Peter B., of Arlington, Virginia, will become the new A.A.W.S. general service trustee, replacing Jean S. The board also approved Peter Roach, of Peterborough, Ontario, to serve as Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee.

At the Delegates Only Dinner, Dorothy N., North Dakota, was elected delegate chair for the 1995 Conference; Roger S., NW Ohio/SE Michigan, will be the alternate chairperson.

The 44th Conference expressed their warmest congratulations and deep gratitude to the four Quebec delegates, Eastern Canada regional trustee and all A.A. members in Quebec on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of A.A. in Quebec, Canada.

Friday afternoon the work was completed, with Advisory Actions in place (highlights appear on p. 3). The only event remaining was the closing brunch Saturday morning, with farewell talks by rotating trustees.

Why do we need a Conference? Why do we do this every Spring? Again, the words of Bernard Smith are appropriate: "We need a Conference to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of A.A. shall never have locks on them, so that all people with an alcoholic problem for all time to come may enter these halls unmasked and feel welcome." (*A.A. Comes of Age*, p. 281)

NEW

We've Got Your Number!



In the course of upgrading the records system, it will be necessary to replace the old group service numbers with new ones, according to Lillianna Murphy (nonalcoholic), Information Services manager at G.S.O. As announced during the Conference, the "D" numbers are no longer feasible because their integrity has been severely compromised and they are inefficient for both G.S.O. and area use. It was discovered that, prior to January 1992, hundreds of groups were assigned duplicate numbers.

The new Directories, scheduled for distribution in August, will contain the new service numbers. Effective July, the new group service numbers will be included with the quarterly statements sent to all groups, and will be on the labels of mailings such as *Box 4-5-9*. The new numbers will also be included on diskettes sent to areas requesting group information in that format.

Area officers, committee chairpersons and other individuals on G.S.O.'s mailing lists will also be assigned new numbers which will appear on the mailing labels.

Resumés for Trustees Election due Jan. 1, 1995

Three new Class B (alcoholic) regional trustees—from the Northeast U.S., Southwest U.S. and trustee-at-large/Canada—will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 1995. Resumés must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 1995, and must be submitted by delegates only.

The new Northeast regional trustee will succeed Jake H., of Winthrop, Maine; the new Southwest trustee will fill the position presently held by Ann B., of Fort Smith, Arkansas. A trustee-at-large/Canada will be elected to replace rotating David O'L.

A sound A.A. background is a basic qualification for Class B trustees. Ten years of continuous sobriety is desirable but not mandatory. Candidates should be active in both local and area A.A. affairs; and, because trustees serve the entire Fellowship, they require the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of broad policy that affect A.A. as a whole.

The trustees' Nominating Committee asks that trustees, delegates and directors submit names they deem appropriate as candidates for Class A trustee (nonalcoholic), to replace John Hartley Smith, M.D. and John King, who are rotating April 1995.

Please submit your candidate's business or professional resumé to the Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, General Service Office, by mid-July 1995.

1994 Conference Advisory Actions

Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations made by the standing committees and approved by the Conference body as a whole; or recommendations discussed and voted upon by all Conference members during general sessions. Some significant Advisory Actions appear below in condensed form. A complete list will be published in the *Final Conference Report*.

Agenda—that the theme for the 1995 General Service Conference be “Pass It On—Our Three Legacies.”

Cooperation With the Professional Community—that suggested changes be made in the pamphlet “How A.A. Members Cooperate With Other Community Efforts to Help Alcoholics,” and that the title be changed to “How A.A. Members Cooperate With Professionals”; that the format of the C.P.C. Workbook be changed to a soft-cover booklet.

Correctional Facilities—that the suggested changes be made in the pamphlets “A.A. in Correctional Facilities” and “A Message to Correctional Facilities Administrators”; that guidelines for A.A. presentations to corrections professionals and to inmates by correctional committees be added to the Correctional Facilities Workbook.

Finance—that the trustees’ Finance Committee work with the Publications Department to develop several layouts for a new Self-Support pamphlet, including the long form of the Seventh Tradition and definition of Prudent Reserve, keeping in mind that all service entities are equally important.

Grapevine—that all A.A. members be strongly urged to work toward the goal that the Grapevine magazine be self-supporting through the sale of magazine subscriptions.

International Convention—that an anonymity protected photograph of the flag ceremony be taken at the 1995 International Convention.

Literature—that suggested changes be made to the pamphlets “The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated,” “G.S.R.,” “Is There An Alcoholic In Your Life?” and “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship”; that the circle and triangle logo be discontinued on all Conference-approved literature and that the words “This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved Literature” be on all A.A. literature.

Policy/Admissions—that no moratorium be placed on topics to be considered by the General Service Conference; that requests for new Conference areas, from

Washington State (72) and Southern California (05), be denied.

Public Information—that the revised Public Information Workbook be produced in a soft-cover format.

Report and Charter—that various suggested changes and additions be made in the *A.A. Service Manual*; that no monetary contributions be reflected in any A.A. Directory, as the purpose of the Directories is to help traveling A.A.s find meetings and for Twelfth Step purposes.

Treatment Facilities—that proposed changes be made to the pamphlets “A.A. in Treatment Facilities” and “Bridging the Gap.”

Trustees—that the proposed by-law amendment pertaining to limiting the terms of Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees to two consecutive three-year terms, be reworded to clarify that this action does not apply to trustees who were serving during the 1993 General Service Conference.

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 1994

	Groups	Members
United States	50,541	1,134,500
Canada	5,287	96,500
Correctional facilities	2,137	52,182 ¹
Internationalists		170
Lone members		369
Total	57,965	1,283,721
Outside U.S. & Canada	32,190	778,659 ²
Total	90,155	2,062,380

1. U.S. and Canada only.

2. G.S.O. has records for 40 foreign G.S.O.s, as well as individual groups in 104 countries that do not have a general service office. We attempt to contact all general service offices outside the U.S. and Canada annually. Groups are contacted in countries where there is no G.S.O. Last year, of the 40 foreign G.S.O.s, 22 responded with updated figures. Of the 18 remaining foreign G.S.O.s, figures used for 13 of them are from their last previous response, while 5 have not forwarded any membership figures. Since we cannot substantiate the international figures, no attempt is made to estimate membership figures for the countries not responding.

The estimated group counts in the U.S. and Canada include only those that ask to be listed at G.S.O.; thousands do not.

Among listed groups in the U.S. and Canada, many do not report membership figures. For each nonreporting group, an estimate of membership is arrived at by taking an average among reporting groups within the Conference area concerned. Even among reporting groups, membership figures include only those now active and attending meetings; there is no way to count sober members who no longer have a home group.

Reports From G.S.O., the General Service Board, and Trustees' Committees

General Service Board

Trustees' report: This is my second tour as a trustee, and as a preface to a brief description of the board's activities for the past year, I would like to share some thoughts with you. I want you to know that I owe the Fellowship. You are in the business of saving lives. You have saved some lives that are near and dear to me, including your own, and this life saving process you all are involved in has had an impact on my life. You have braced my patience and tolerance and have shown me, by example, a way of life which includes a form of discipline that leads to freedom. Your joy and happiness is contagious and has made my association with you so fulfilling. For these reasons, and many others, you have enriched my life, and I need to be with you.

As has been the practice for several years, the chairpersons of the Conference Committees were invited to the board weekend in January. They attended sessions of the corresponding trustees' committees and were also invited to attend other meetings of the trustees, including the board meeting. Their presence at the meetings of the trustees is part of the sharing process that offers another opportunity for the Conference process to continue.

The sharing that goes on among A.A. members, delegates and trustees at Regional Forums reminds us that the Conference is in session throughout the year. There was an incredible aura of gratitude present at the Forums which took place in the U.S. and Canada this past year.

One of the first items of new business on the board's agenda was a report made by the chairperson of A.A.W.S. that an immediate decision was required regarding withdrawal from a lawsuit in California and, as a result, we contact all who have agreed to refrain from infringement of the circle and triangle logo to let them know of this decision. It was also agreed that we analyze the necessary steps involving modifying our position, including how to handle the use of the circle and triangle on Conference-approved literature, and prepare a statement to be reviewed by A.A.W.S. and distributed to those who may need to address this issue.

In an effort to review and report on board policy concerning the protection of our trademarks, service marks and copyrights, an ad hoc committee was created. The committee met several times and also in joint meetings with the A.A.W.S. Board's Services Committee, which had been working on the same topic. It is evident, once

again, that given the opportunity, our process works.

The board received a letter from a group stating an intent to reprint *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The letter was referred to the copyright owners, A.A.W.S. Inc. The group was notified of our opposition and, in the interest of unity, they were urged not to proceed with such unauthorized action. As a postscript to that, the group has written notifying us that they will not pursue printing the book.

Issues of controversy seem to have been overriding concerns this year. We hope this Conference will mark a turning toward the life-giving unity and spirituality which first brought us together. I pledge a renewed emphasis and attention to communication, leading to a trust which will allow us all to more effectively and constantly engage in that which Alcoholics Anonymous does best — helping to save lives.

W.J. (Jim) Estelle, Jr.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

A.A. World Services, Inc.

Directors' report: A.A. World Services, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the General Service Board with the delegated responsibility to maintain oversight of group services, including printing and distribution of Conference-approved and service literature, effected by G.S.O. The board met ten times in 1993 to: hear G.S.O. management and staff reports; review group service activity and progress on compliance with Conference and Board recommendations; review budgets, expenditures, and salary policy; establish prices for literature and other materials; discuss publishing operations and matters of G.S.O. administration; consider requests for permission to reprint A.A. copyrighted literature, and address other matters.

The committees of the A.A.W.S. Board are: Publishing, Finance and Administration, Services, and Nominating. Long-range planning is done within each committee and by the board as a whole. The following items of significance are noted:

Finance and Administration: Reviewed the results of operations at all meetings; authorized a transfer of funds not needed for working capital to the Reserve Fund; discussed and recommended to the trustees' Finance Committee changes in the reporting format of the annual financial statements; prepared, reviewed and recommended the 1994 G.S.O. budget to the trustees' Finance Committee.

At the recommendation of the A.A.W.S. Finance and Administration Committee, the board approved a resolution that a

portion of the 1994 interest earned by the General Service Board Reserve Fund (\$168,900) be used in the 1994 budget.

Services Committee: The Services Committee is exploring ways to improve communications among groups, areas, G.S.O. and staff, corporate boards, and the General Service Board. They prepared a statement regarding the protection of our remaining trademarks and copyrights, and are attempting to make various services we perform more visible.

Book Distribution: During 1993, we sold a total of 1,740,804 books, a decline of (4.7%) or 87,380 units compared with 1992. A.A. purchases were nearly level with last year due in part to strong sales of the pocket edition of the Big Book. Sales to non-A.A.s were (17%) under 1992. They bought 496,905 books, 103,435 copies less than 1993.

Literature Assistance: A report will be prepared on handling requests for Native American translations. New translations of Turkish and Czech items are reflected in the 1994 budget. Poland, which had requested financial assistance to publish *Daily Reflections*, proudly informed us they did not require the financial help.

Literature Pricing: Sixteen items were priced, including seven foreign language translations of the Big Book and Twelve and Twelve. New approaches to pricing Spanish literature were discussed, but no final decision has been reached.

Reprint Requests: We granted permission/ did not object to 84 requests to reprint from A.A. literature. Five were denied.

International: George D. and Danny M. attended a Regional Service Meeting in Obregon, Mexico. Over 3,000 attended. Lois F. attended Uruguay's Second International Conference for Women in A.A. There were more than 70 women in attendance. George D. attended the European Service Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany.

Regional Forums: A.A.W.S. directors and G.S.O. staff members coordinated and attended five Regional Forums in 1993: East Central, in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Northeast, in Burlington, Vermont; West Central in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Southwest, in St. Louis, Missouri; and Special Forums in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada and in Hawaii.

ICYPAA: The International Conference of Young People in A.A. was held in New York in May, and 225 participants visited G.S.O. Service workshops were held at ICYPAA with board and staff participation.

Intergroup Seminar: The Seminar was held in Baltimore, Maryland, in September, with G.S.O. staff and trustee/director participation. An increasing number of intergroups seem to be opening up communications with their area service structures.

Vancouver was selected as the site for the 1994 Intergroup Seminar.

Records Restructuring Committee: This committee was formed to evaluate the database structure currently employed for maintaining group and individual records.
Ann B., chairperson

Archives

Trustees' committee: In the second phase of the Gathering of Experience project, we invited the 132 surviving Conference members of Panels 11 through 20 to share their memories. Two dozen responded and we have a wonderful collection of anecdotes and human interest material to flesh out individual Conference Actions. A suggested guide has been developed to clarify the disposition of the ownership of area archival property. The Ownership statement will be included in the Archival Handbook. Considerable energy was applied to improving physical security and facilitation of access to the Archives through the use of a scanner and specialized computer software. This undertaking will require time and care since much of our collection is in fragile condition.

John King
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Archivist's report: Many contributions have arrived at G.S.O. Archives, among these a vast amount of material from the Virginia Area Archives; material from the sole surviving member of Panel 1 of the Conference, who provided a detailed report on the Samaritan Treatment as experienced in the 1930s; eight printings of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, which were needed to complete a full second set. As we complete our second year in our new location our collection is beginning to feel a trifle "tight" as group and area historical files fill our shelving capacity. The number of visitors to G.S.O. seems to have increased. Often these messengers can leave a poignant thought that echoes long after they have departed. One visitor from Canada left the following reputed quote from Bill W. (in the hope that we could hunt down the specific origin): "A.A. is not a success story; rather it is a chronicle of our colossal human failure turned to usefulness by the divine alchemy of a loving God."

Frank M., archivist

Conference

Trustees' committee: The committee reviewed the 1993 Advisory Actions and approved the theme for the 44th General Service Conference, "Spirit of Sacrifice." We recommended that there be a half-day sharing session on Wednesday, with three

suggested topics and sharing on concerns other than the business of the Conference. The committee reviewed proposed agenda items submitted for the 1994 Conference and referred them, when appropriate, to the standing Conference Committee, A.A.W.S. Board or the General Service Board Ad Hoc Committee on Trademarks. All proposed agenda items were addressed and responded to, including those not placed on the agenda because of recent Conference discussion. The committee reviewed and finalized the Conference agenda, assigning participants for the various presentations.

Marc P., chairperson

Staff report: The Conference coordinator is the contact for all Conference members and all area committees of the 91 areas throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Conference coordinator assumes responsibility for: Assembling suggestions for the Conference theme, presentation/discussion and workshop topics; serving as secretary of the Conference Agenda Committee and the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference; corresponding with delegates, alternate delegates and all area and district committee members throughout the year; working with the general manager and G.S.O. staff in planning and coordinating each phase of the Conference; scheduling and assembling reports and all material for the Conference Manual, Early Bird Edition of *Box 4-5-9* and the *Conference Final Report*.

Valerie O'N.

Cooperation With the Professional Community

Trustees' committee: The committee forwarded to the Conference C.P.C. committee suggested changes for "How A.A. Members Cooperate With Other Community Efforts to Help Alcoholics"; a request to review procedures for C.P.C. traveling exhibits and need for guidelines on exhibits; review of policy for distributing A.A. Directories to outside organizations. The Conference committee was invited to offer ideas and suggestions on new design panels for exhibits, which will be implemented this year. The 1993 schedule of 74 exhibits was completed successfully; the 1994 schedule is moving forward.

John Hartley Smith, M.D.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The purpose of the C.P.C. assignment is to provide A.A. information to individuals and groups who may be in contact with the still-suffering alcoholic in their professional capacities. The staff member communicates with area, district and intergroup/central office C.P.C. committees; currently there are over 420.

During the past year the C.P.C. Discount Packages were revised to increase the number of pieces in each category. The newsletter, *About A.A.*, is published and mailed two or three times a year to professionals who ask to be on this mailing list, now numbering over 17,000.

Joanie M.

Correctional Facilities

Trustees' committee: The committee forwarded to the Conference Correctional Facilities Committee for their consideration: proposed changes in the pamphlets "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" and "A Message to Correctional Facilities Administrators"; suggested guidelines for making presentations to inmates and correctional professionals, to be added to the C.F. Workbook. We discussed long-range goals for having an A.A. meeting in every correctional facility, including juvenile detention centers, in the U.S. and Canada; finding more A.A.s to go into prisons; providing more information to prison staff and administrators; seeking outside, male A.A.s to correspond with inmates for the Corrections Correspondence Service.

John N. Chappell, M.D.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: This assignment receives an average of 250 letters a month from inmates, some asking for free literature, some for names of outside A.A. correspondents, or for a contact upon release. We try to facilitate many of these requests, primarily through our network of area, district and local Correctional Facilities committees. The Corrections Correspondence Service is coordinated by this desk, and there is a continuing need for outside A.A. members to correspond with inmates. We currently have a waiting list of more than 150 inmates. However, area Correctional Facilities chairpersons have become more involved in helping us to find volunteers.

Richard B.

Finance

Trustees' committee: G.S.O. contributions and sales, as well as circulation at the A.A. Grapevine, were weak in 1993, continuing the trend of the past three years.

Contributions in 1993 were \$3,808,700, down 7.8% compared with 1992. Book unit sales to A.A. entities were flat, while sales outside of A.A. fell 17 percent. Overall literature sales were down 5.2%, to \$9,314,770. Total gross margin from literature fell 4.7% to \$5,359,260. Total G.S.O. revenues, that is gross profit from literature sales plus contributions, fell 6.3% to \$8,341,300, a decline of \$563,300 from 1992 (utilizing the revised report presentation). Total operating

expenses were under excellent control and declined by \$469,900 from 1992, offsetting 83% of the decline in revenues. Net income for the year was \$710,520.

Net sales were 0.7% and contributions were 4.75% below the 1993 budget. Because costs were considerably better than budgeted, net income exceeded the 1993 budget of \$231,700 by \$478,000.

The costs of providing services was \$5,258,900 in 1993. This amount exceeded contributions by \$1,447,500, a difference that was made up by literature profits. New accounting procedures and reporting formats were implemented in 1993. Under the former accounting method, services would have been shown as costing \$4,871,770. The difference between these two numbers, \$387,000, would have been charged to publishing under the old method. The new method presents a better picture of how much services and publishing actually cost because costs are allocated more accurately.

The G.S.O. budget for 1994 assumes that literature sales will decline by 9.3 percent. Gross margin from literature has been budgeted to decline by 11.3 percent. Contributions are expected to rise 0.4% (essentially flat). Total revenue will likely decline by 6.9% to \$7,768,900, while operating costs are budgeted to rise by 4 percent. The budget shows an operating deficit of \$168,900, which will be offset by downstreaming \$168,900 of interest income from the Reserve Fund to G.S.O. to balance the budget. The 1994 budget will allow G.S.O. to maintain the current level of services without raising literature prices.

Reserve Fund assets equaled \$9,163,930 at the end of 1993, \$1,147,025 of which was held for the account of the Grapevine for subscription liabilities, leaving \$7,942,970 as the principal amount. After transfers to the Reserve Fund of 1993's net income of \$700,000 from A.A.W.S. and \$80,500 from the Grapevine, the Reserve Fund amounts to 11.8 months of combined operating expenses.

Weak magazine sales at the Grapevine were offset by strong income from magazine-related items. Paid circulation dropped from 123,100 at the start of the year to 121,400 at end, a decline of 1.4 percent. Gross profit on the magazine dropped by 4.6%, or \$44,815, to \$931,410. Other publishing income rose 14.4% to \$339,815. Total gross profit was down 0.2% to \$1,271,315. Total costs and expenses rose by \$39,550, or 3.2% to \$1,285,970. The Grapevine lost \$14,655 from operations, which was more than offset by interest income of \$82,650. Net income was \$67,990.

Compared with its 1993 budget, the A.A. Grapevine's magazine income was \$26,650 below budget because of lower circulation. Other publishing income was \$16,340 below budget; costs and expenses were \$44,270 below budget. Since costs were more under budget than magazine

and other publishing income, net income was \$33,100 higher than budgeted.

For 1994, the Grapevine budget assumes average circulation rises by 0.9% to 123,000. Magazine gross profit is expected to drop by 3%, due to higher production costs largely due to the double issue in June, which will celebrate the Grapevine's 50th anniversary. Other publishing income is expected to drop 3.2 percent. Total magazine and other publishing gross profit will drop 3% to \$1,234,100; total costs and expenses will rise by 1.8% to \$1,309,600. The Grapevine's loss from operations will increase to \$75,500 from \$14,660 in 1993. After projected interest income of \$82,600, 1994 net income will be \$7,100.

Gary Glynn

(nonalcoholic) chairperson

General Sharing Session

Trustees' report: The first of three sharing sessions during the year was on "A.A. Unity." The discussion that followed focused on how best to foster and attain unity. In October, presentations and discussion centered on Corporate Board Relationships, exploring such questions as: Are there problems with our present structure?; Is it time for structured change?; and would a change work for the good of A.A. as a whole? At the final session, in January, the topic was "The Committee System." Presentations by a regional trustee, a G.S.O. staff member, a Panel 43 delegate and a general service trustee generated an excellent sharing session.

Jean S., chairperson

Group Services

Staff report: To better serve the groups, G.S.O. provides service material to the Fellowship, providing information and shared experience not found in Conference-approved literature. Current ongoing projects involving Group Services are: Group Records System Restructuring Project; coordination and production of three A.A. Directories; supervising G.S.O. service files; supervision/production of service material such as A.A. Guidelines, Group Handbooks, and G.S.R. kits. The staff member on Group Services is the liaison with intergroups/central offices and serves as secretary for the trustees' Nominating Committee and the Conference Committee on Trustees.

Lois F.

International/ World Service Meeting

Trustees' committee: The committee serves as a link between the General Service Board and the World Service Meeting. It

has the responsibility of developing policies to enable the A.A. message to be carried to alcoholics overseas, especially in countries where there is no service structure. The Thirteenth World Service Meeting will be held in Cartagena, Colombia, October 9-13, 1994. We anticipate 39 delegates from 24 countries, and the theme will be "Back to Basics." Numerous translations of pamphlets and other A.A. literature are anticipated in 1994, and some of the translation expenses will be paid by the International Literature Fund, which was established at the W.S.M. in 1990. The committee requested that the staff prepare a report on the status of A.A. in Asia and Africa; the report was reviewed and a subcommittee was established to address the criteria for translation of A.A. literature.

David O'L., chairperson

Staff report: Correspondence from groups, individual A.A.s and professionals interested in obtaining information about A.A. in countries without a service center or office is answered by the staff member on this assignment. Additionally, the staff member corresponds with 39 general service offices and literature distribution centers outside the U.S. and Canada. Coordinating the biennial World Service Meeting is an absorbing aspect of this assignment. The European and Ibero-American Service Meetings are also held biennially, alternating with World Service Meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity to share experience for countries not yet able to participate in World Service Meetings. To ensure the integrity and authenticity of A.A.'s message, careful consideration is given prior to granting permission to print A.A. literature in various languages. Since the last Conference, the Big Book has been published in Thai, Persian, and Chinese. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* has been published in Latvian and Hungarian.

John G.

International Convention/ A.A. Regional Forums

Trustees' committee:

International Convention—The committee recommended a sunburst design for the 1994 International Convention logo. We discussed setting a registration fee, based on a conservative budget that takes into account the possibilities of gain or loss, and recommended that the preregistration fee be \$65.00, and that the on-site registration be \$70.00 (U.S.). We reviewed and approved program titles for the 1995 International Convention, with the understanding that some titles may be added or deleted, depending on final needs.

Regional Forums—A subcommittee reviewed the purpose and procedures of Regional Forums; in addition, the commit-

tee suggested that special Forums be expanded to include urban areas. A Special Forum will be held in the Lake St. John Saquenay area of Quebec, May 12-13, 1995.
Les L., chairperson

Staff reports:

International Convention—This assignment involves coordinating every aspect of the many processes and plans that go to make up our International Conventions.

Eileen G.

Regional Forums—This assignment involves the coordination and follow through for all arrangements necessary for Regional Forums in the U.S. and Canada. Forums are held at the region's invitation every two years. Working with the regional trustee, area delegates and host committee, the Forums coordinator prepares the agenda, works with the hotel, and sends invitations to area service people. Following the Forum, a report is sent to all who attended.
Sarah P.

Literature

Trustees' committee: A summary of projects since the 1993 Conference:

Projects Completed: The Anonymity Display Card printed; pocket-sized, a bridged version of the Big Book printed.

Projects in Progress: Continued to emphasize our commonality and discouraged usage of the term "minorities" wherever possible; a subcommittee will continue to review "The A.A. Group" pamphlet and rewrite three sections.

Projects forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee: The Literature Review Subcommittee report; proposed changes to "Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet; proposed changes to "G.S.R." pamphlet; review draft of A.A. Guidelines for Literature Committees; consider minor change in "The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated" pamphlet.

Additional trustees' Literature Committee considerations: Area request for minor changes in "Is There An Alcoholic in Your Life?" and "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs"; request to add material on "Service Sponsorship" to "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"; various issues regarding Big Book.

Fran P., chairperson

Staff report: The literature coordinator serves as secretary to the trustees' and Conference Literature Committees and works closely with the Publications Department on preparing all new recovery pamphlets, books, displays and audiovisuals, in accordance with recommendations from the Conference. The coordinator also follows the updating and revising of all recovery pamphlets. The literature desk receives and responds to correspondence from A.A. members and groups about lit-

erature. We maintain contact with current area, district, intergroup and A.A. group literature chair. Under the present structure, the literature coordinator serves as editor of *Box 4-5-9*, and is the liaison with the French Literature Service in Montreal, Canada.

Susan U.

Loners, Internationals, Homers

Staff report: Loners are A.A.s who are unable to attend meetings because there are no groups nearby. There are about 332 Loners in 142 countries. Seagoing A.A.s are known as Internationalists. There are now about 155 Internationalists and 36 Port Contacts. Sixty Internationalist Groups meet aboard ships or in ports. There are 122 Homers, A.A.s who are housebound due to longterm illness or disability. Loners, Homers and Internationalists stay sober reading A.A. literature and sharing A.A. experience, strength and hope with other A.A.s around the world through letters and tapes. Each new Loner, Homer or Internationalist receives a directory of members, a subscription to *Box 4-5-9* and *Loners-Internationalists Meeting (LIM)*, a bimonthly meeting-in-print, sharing excerpts of letters received at G.S.O. from LIM members. About 1,067 A.A.s serve as Loner Sponsors, sharing group activities and personal experience.

Sarah P.

Nominating

Trustees' committee: The focus of our work has been to satisfy the recommendations and suggestions from the 1993 Conference Committee on Trustees. Our discussions included the following matters and we submitted our reports and/or recommendations to the Conference Committee:

- Reporting on procedures to elect a Class B trustee as chairperson of the General Service Board

- Preparing procedures for the formation of new regions and/or altering the regional map.

- Method of Conference-approval of the trustees' slate and officers of the General Service Board.

- Interviewed candidates for Class A trustee and recommended Peter Roach.

Greg M., chairperson

Public Information

Trustees' committee: The committee forwarded to the Conference Public Information Committee:

- Changes to text and/or format of the P.I. Workbook.

- Consider suggestion to add "Public Service Announcement," as the line to existing radio & TV PSAs.

- Consider careful review of radio spot #5 in PSA P-09.

- Review report from trustees' P.I. Committee on the Membership Survey.

Gerry F., chairperson

Staff report: The goal of the P.I. assignment is to help to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic, potential alcoholic and the general public through the media, health fairs, and schools. The staff member and staff assistant respond to hundreds of written and telephone inquiries that come into the office from the general public. Many of these requests are passed on to local P.I. committees. The staff person is responsible for handling interviews with the media and providing accurate information about A.A. to the media, researchers, and the public. We also process a number of newspaper, magazine and television feature stories. Anonymity breaks have decreased over the past few months, but for those we receive information on, we try to contact the person involved through area delegates. Radio and television public service announcements have been widely aired on major networks and local stations.

Helen T.

Spanish Services

Staff report: There are more than 30,000 Spanish-speaking A.A. members meeting in 1,200 Hispanic groups in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. The Spanish Services coordinator coordinates and revises Spanish translations and assists other staff members in providing services to the Hispanic community. Many Spanish-speaking districts have been added to the areas in our service structure. Service material is translated into Spanish and kept up-to-date; more and more Conference-approved literature is published in Spanish. Spanish Services helps answer the correspondence received in Spanish by other assignments, especially the International assignment. The staff member represents G.S.O. at the Ibero-American Commission for Translation and Adaptation of A.A. Literature; attends conventions, Hispanic intergroup meetings, Regional Forums, the World Service Meeting and the International Convention, and greets Spanish-speaking visitors to G.S.O.

Danny M.

Staff Coordinator

Staff report: Services to A.A. groups and members are provided through 12 staff

assignments. In addition to their regular assignment responsibilities, staff members correspond with groups and A.A. members in a specific geographic area. Staff assignments are monitored by the staff coordinator. G.S.O. staff receives approximately 40,000 pieces of mail a year. The staff coordinator coordinates the staff activities and chairs the weekly staff meeting. As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling committee meetings, distributing advance material, preparing and distributing the minutes of the board meeting, and serves as editor of the *Quarterly Report*. The coordinator is secretary of the General Sharing Session, and the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions, and is a director and vice-president of A.A.W.S. During the past year, approximately 1,237 visitors from all over the world visited G.S.O.

Pat R.

Treatment Facilities

Trustees' committee: Since the 1993 Conference approximately 800 letters were sent to administrators of treatment facilities in the U.S. and Canada regarding A.A.'s primary purpose, nonaffiliation and anonymity. A revision of the pamphlet "A.A. in Treatment Facilities" was forwarded to the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities for their consideration. The paper entitled "What A.A. Is and What A.A. Is Not" for alcoholism treatment program professionals and clients was split into two papers. Experience and mail indicate that many area treatment facilities committees are functioning extremely well. Two reports of local A.A. projects involving carrying the A.A. message to treatment facilities will appear in a future Treatment Facilities Newsletter.

Elaine M. Johnson, Ph. D.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The primary purpose of the Treatment Facilities assignment is to help A.A. members carry the message to alcoholics in treatment. We have now over 400 Treatment Facilities committees functioning in the U.S. and Canada. We keep an up-to-date list of the chairs of these committees to provide them with considerable information and literature. To area chairs and committee members we send a Treatment Facilities Workbook; they also receive Box 4-5-9, *About A.A.*, and the Treatment Facilities Newsletter. The staff member is secretary to both trustees' and Conference Committees on Treatment Facilities, and also prepares biannual editions of the Treatment Facilities Newsletter.

Phyllis M.

Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

Directors' report: As the A.A. Grapevine approaches its 50th anniversary of continuous publication, the corporation looks back at many years of growth, and forward to new challenges and opportunities.

Finances: Year-end results for 1993 were positive, in spite of the fact that both magazine and other publishing income were below budget. That expenses were well controlled and ended the year well below budget accounts for the favorable results. In January, directors voted to forward \$80,500 to the Reserve Fund.

Desktop Publishing: In July, the board requested a budget adjustment from the trustees' Finance Committee to cover, among other things, the purchase of desktop publishing equipment.

1994 Budget: At the January meeting, the board approved a 1994 budget calling for a net income (after interest) of \$7,060.

Circulation: Circulation ended the year below the budgeted 123,000. In an optimistic spirit, the board has again budgeted an average of 123,000 for 1994. One effort toward increasing awareness of the Grapevine is a poster with the theme "Carry the Grapevine—Carry the Message." The revised A.A. Grapevine Workbook includes a wealth of ideas and projects.

Related Materials: A new booklet, *The Home Group: Heartbeat of A.A.*, came off press in May 1993. The editors are working on production of two cassette tapes on A.A. history/oldtimers. In response to 1993 Conference Advisory Action #13, the board authorized a translation of *The Language of the Heart* into Spanish.

Communication with the Service Structure: One of the board's primary concerns has been ways to achieve more effective communication with the service structure, and a decision was made to institute conference calls between directors and delegate members of the Conference Grapevine Committee three times a year.

Magazine Redesign: The editors and Editorial Advisory Board have been working on the magazine redesign project. The June 1994 double issue celebrates the magazine's 50th Anniversary and introduces the new overall design.

Writing in the June 1945 Grapevine, when the magazine was just one year old, Bill W. said: "Though the Grapevine is young, it is commencing to have its own tradition. All of us are very sensitive to the thought that it ought never to be sectional in its appeal nor should it take sides on any controversial question. While it must constantly talk of people in its news and views, it ought never to glorify or belittle anyone, nor lend itself to a commercial undertaking, nor become a mere mouthpiece for any of us, even the central offices or the Alcoholic Foundation. Of course, everybody

will see pieces in the Grapevine now and then with which he or she will not agree. So it must always be understood that these pieces reflect the thoughts and feelings of their authors but not necessarily those of the Grapevine."

As we enter our second fifty years, our hope is that the Grapevine will continue to carry the message in the words and experiences and thoughts of the members who today are the living embodiment of the A.A. program and principles.

Jake H., chairperson

Staff report: The Grapevine office staff consists of 19 people: two A.A. staff members, along with a freelance copyeditor and a designer, who are responsible for content and appearance of the magazine, and 15 nonalcoholics who make sure the financial state of the Grapevine is in order, that subscriptions are entered, and that orders go out on time.

The executive editor has oversight responsibility and reports directly to the Grapevine Board. The managing editor is responsible for all aspects of magazine editorial and production and oversees the Grapevine representative program. Together, the two editors evaluate all material for publication, and select the content of each issue. The Editorial Advisory Board meets nine times a year to discuss format, content and direction of the magazine, and to consider the development of future special items or determine a particular emphasis for the magazine. Both editors serve on the Corporate Board and are voting members of the General Service Conference.

The controller/business administrator manages all business aspects and heads up the bookkeeping-accounting department, assisted by a bookkeeper who supervises four accounting clerks and the shipping operation. The office manager and corporate secretary's multifaceted job includes ensuring the general efficiency of the office, administering the health insurance program, and handling all copyrights and permission requests. The circulation supervisor and a customer service clerk handle special requests and any problems that may occur.

Like any other professional operation, we have our ups and downs - our good days and our bad days. Some days are filled with nothing but complaints and gripes. Yet, overall, if the early "ink-stained wretches" who founded the Grapevine with Bill W.'s blessings were to return to our modern-day office, they would certainly recognize the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous which flows throughout the entire operation.

Ames S., managing editor

Budget Highlights

1994 G.S.O. Budget

Income: The 1994 sales budget of \$8,822,000 is approximately \$898,000 less than 1993 sales and \$985,000 less than budgeted for 1993. The 1994 budget reflects continued lower volume expectations. Projected gross margin from literature sales is \$4,757,400, approximately \$600,000 less than 1993 actual gross margin.

Contributions for 1994 have been anticipated at \$3,825,000. This compares with actual contributions received for 1993 of \$3,810,000 and a 1993 budget of \$4,000,000.

Total Revenue (literature sales less manufacturing, royalties, and shipping, as well as contributions) is budgeted at \$7,768,900. This is approximately \$578,000 less than the 1993 results.

Total Operating Expenses for 1994 have been budgeted at \$7,937,800. This is an increase of \$306,000 (4%) over 1993 results, but only \$25,300 greater than the 1993 budgeted expense.

A preliminary operating loss of \$168,900 has been projected for 1994. This loss (if realized) will be covered by a drawdown of current earnings of the Reserve Fund, leaving a net for the period of zero. This drawdown of current earnings of the Reserve Fund allows for an orderly, prudent use of Reserve Fund earnings, at a time when the Reserve Fund is approaching its upper limit. Were it not for this resource, a reduction of services or an increase in revenue would have been required. Either of these actions could have sent a message of fiscal crisis that does not exist.

1994 Grapevine Budget

Net income of \$7,100 is about \$60,900 less than 1993 actual, a decrease of 89.6%.

Gross profit on the magazine, \$905,300, is 60.1%, compared to \$931,500, or 62.8%, in 1993.

Gross profit on other publishing income, \$328,800, is 65.5%, compared to \$339,815, or 65.6%, in 1993.

Total gross profit of \$1,234,100 is down \$37,200 from \$1,271,315 in 1993. Higher costs of product, the extra cost for the double issue in June, and the normal decline in volume of magazine-related items combine to account for the decrease.

Total costs and expenses of \$1,309,600 is an increase of \$23,600, or 1.8%, over the 1993 actual.

We feel this is a conservative budget with realistic volumes and costs of products, and other expenses kept to a minimum.

1993 Contribution From Groups — by Delegate Area

(in U.S. dollars)

AREA #	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA	#GPS RE-PORTED	#GPS. CONTRIB.	% OF GPS. CONTRIB.	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIB.	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIB. PER CAPITA	AREA #	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA	#GPS RE-PORTED	#GPS. CONTRIB.	% OF GPS. CONTRIB.	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIB.	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIB. PER CAPITA
1.	Ala./N.W.Fla	418	224	53.5%	\$ 28,044.90	7,875	\$3.56								
2.	Alaska	241	96	39.8	9,296.92	3,653	2.55								
3.	Arizona	840	366	43.5	53,896.11	15,195	3.55								
4.	Arkansas	260	142	54.6	14,213.40	4,173	3.41								
	California														
5.	Southern	1,942	790	40.7	98,385.13	64,129	1.53								
6.	N. Coastal	2,010	1,260	62.7	172,737.41	59,417	2.91								
7.	N. Interior	708	315	44.4	36,236.68	17,707	2.05								
8.	San Diego/Imp.	833	407	48.8	51,933.87	26,447	1.96								
9.	Mid-South	1,787	791	44.3	87,574.77	54,566	1.60								
10.	Colorado	593	336	56.6	41,418.55	16,111	2.57								
11.	Connecticut	1,398	548	39.1	67,420.91	32,251	2.09								
12.	Delaware	182	105	57.6	16,844.62	3,035	5.55								
13.	D.C.	454	244	53.7	48,915.32	14,786	3.31								
	Florida														
14.	North	640	353	55.1	51,116.94	13,561	3.77								
15.	South/ Bahamas/V.I.	1,520	773	50.8	110,362.77	28,515	3.87								
16.	Georgia	689	458	66.4	58,966.32	16,501	3.57								
17.	Hawaii	256	157	61.3	28,139.26	5,432	5.18								
18.	Idaho	206	95	46.1	7,822.10	2,960	2.64								
19.	Chicago	1,140	362	31.7	47,741.34	26,527	1.80								
20.	North	982	396	40.3	41,966.20	20,415	2.06								
21.	South	454	203	44.7	25,848.55	7,713	3.35								
	Indiana														
22.	North	661	293	44.3	32,865.58	10,642	3.09								
23.	South	518	280	54.1	29,413.95	10,489	2.80								
24.	Iowa	635	332	52.2	36,848.93	12,674	2.91								
25.	Kansas	387	211	54.5	23,888.87	9,725	2.46								
26.	Kentucky	629	351	55.8	52,232.95	10,856	4.81								
27.	Louisiana	521	231	44.3	28,556.41	10,159	2.81								
28.	Maine	474	182	38.3	16,121.56	8,688	1.86								
29.	Maryland	872	401	45.9	50,821.52	13,681	3.71								
	Massachusetts														
30.	East	1,593	597	37.4	75,439.36	54,305	1.39								
31.	West	235	121	51.4	15,178.24	5,360	2.83								
	Michigan														
32.	Central	535	221	41.3	35,639.71	12,390	2.88								
33.	Southeast	625	287	45.9	57,447.86	15,981	3.59								
34.	West	452	220	48.6	30,935.45	9,695	3.19								
	Minnesota														
35.	North	536	270	50.3	18,987.73	8,163	2.33								
36.	South	1,024	460	44.9	47,479.40	23,797	2.00								
37.	Mississippi	226	113	50.0	11,761.24	3,622	3.25								
	Missouri														
38.	East	599	293	48.9	40,132.09	9,500	4.22								
39.	West	214	118	55.1	12,976.55	6,135	2.12								
40.	Montana	343	142	41.3	14,252.87	4,976	2.86								
41.	Nebraska	683	357	52.2	46,450.17	14,704	3.16								
42.	Nevada	360	157	43.5	14,040.12	7,765	1.81								
43.	New Hampshire	531	208	39.1	16,879.17	8,586	1.97								
	New Jersey														
44.	North	1,248	481	38.5	65,767.70	30,413	2.16								
45.	South	474	254	53.6	39,719.60	9,181	4.33								
46.	New Mexico	321	154	47.9	17,556.61	5,466	3.21								
	New York														
47.	Central	709	280	39.4	38,578.59	11,188	3.45								
48.	H.M./B.	784	277	35.3	23,277.80	11,524	2.02								
49.	Southeast	1,781	847	47.5	162,805.87	53,342	3.05								
50.	West	307	117	38.1	12,912.00	4,574	2.82								
51.	N. Carolina	821	485	59.0	72,779.34	12,856	5.66								
52.	North Dakota	179	95	53.0	9,896.23	3,503	2.83								
	Ohio														
53.	Cent. & S.E.	596	136	22.8	13,544.95	8,314	1.63								
54.	Northeast	1,199	339	28.2	33,544.77	24,135	1.39								
	N.W. Ohio/ S.E. Mich.	272	146	53.6	16,198.62	3,761	4.31								
56.	S.W. Ohio	518	247	47.6	32,024.23	10,696	2.99								
57.	Oklahoma	387	238	61.4	27,577.47	6,668	4.14								
58.	Oregon	744	369	49.5	44,140.80	13,905	3.17								
	Pennsylvania														
59.	East	1,414	749	52.9	108,880.90	32,924	3.31								
60.	West	747	366	48.9	37,726.11	10,988	3.43								
61.	Rhode Island	251	100	39.8	10,155.93	5,459	1.86								
62.	South Carolina	292	189	64.7	28,728.60	5,933	4.84								
63.	South Dakota	151	65	43.0	6,584.18	3,486	1.89								
64.	Tennessee	490	237	48.3	34,158.39	9,265	3.69								
	Texas														
65.	Northeast	435	203	46.6	45,523.59	15,425	2.95								
66.	Northwest	225	106	47.1	12,489.60	6,048	2.07								
67.	Southeast	546	241	44.1	33,114.58	16,920	1.96								
68.	Southwest	428	190	44.3	30,623.19	9,814	3.12								
69.	Utah	283	186	65.7	23,430.08	4,859	4.82								
70.	Vermont	224	92	41.0	11,888.61	4,175	2.85								
71.	Virginia	1,105	601	54.3	81,480.96	22,055	3.69								
72.	Washington	1,290	702	54.4	103,933.94	27,509	3.78								
73.	West Virginia	289	144	49.8	10,921.55	3,439	3.18								
	Wisconsin														
74.	N. Wis./Upper Pen. Mitch.	615	284	46.1	23,428.55	10,012	2.34								
75.	South	898	434	48.3	47,287.62	17,772	2.66								
76.	Wyoming	130	63	48.4	5,751.73	2,187	2.63								
77.	Puerto Rico	118	73	61.8	4,512.09	1,521	2.97								
78.	Alberta/N.W.T.	596	242	40.6	28,403.31	8,034	3.54								
79.	B.C./Yukon	748	393	52.5	55,735.69	13,217	4.22								
80.	Manitoba	158	69	43.6	8,448.19	4,022	2.10								
81.	N.B./P.E.I.	230	106	46.0	8,535.54	3,588	2.38								
82.	N.S./Nfld./Lab. Ontario	283	128	45.2	12,968.75	3,531	3.67								
83.	East	601	276	45.9	42,716.61	14,484	2.95								
84.	Northeast	180	76	42.2	9,893.23	2,395	4.13								
85.	Northwest	88	19	21.6	3,504.10	1,369	2.56								
86.	West	515	218	42.3	35,247.47	10,44									

Calendar of Events

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the General Service Office. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided.

June

- 2-5 — *Houston, Texas.* 49th State Conv. Write: Ch., 201 Dixie Dr. #1811, Clute, TX 77531
- 3-5 — *Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada.* Rocky Recovery Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 478, Rocky Mountain House, AB T0M 1T0
- 3-5 — *Bullhead City, Arizona.* Spin Dry Stampede Campout. Write: Ch., Box 2520, Bullhead City, AZ 86442
- 3-5 — *Grimshaw, Alberta, Canada.* Seventh North Peace Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 5039, Peace River, AB T8S 1R7
- 3-5 — *Creston, British Columbia, Canada.* Campout. Write: Ch., Site 7C, Box 7, Creston, BC V0B 1G0
- 3-5 — *Chicago, Illinois.* Ninth Annual Chicago Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 180, 3023 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60657
- 3-5 — *Kearney, Nebraska.* State Reunion. Write: Ch., Box 1167, Bellevue, NE 68005
- 3-5 — *Rome, New York.* 28th East-West Conv. Write: Ch., Box 33, Rome, NY 13440
- 3,5 — *Winchester, Virginia.* 39th Spring Four State/DC Get-Together. Write: Ch., Box 2032, Winchester, VA 22604
- 3,5 — *Camp Maria, Maryland.* 19th Roundup. Write: Ch., 5 Oak St., Indian Head, MD 20640
- 3-5 — *Slatyon, Minnesota.* Valhalla Island Campout. Write: ch., R.R. 2, Box 2453, Slaton, MN 56172
- 3,5 — *Farmington, New Mexico.* New Mexico State Conv. Write: Ch., 3516 N. Monterey Ave., Farmington, NM 87401
- 10-12 — *Russellville, Arkansas.* Seventh Summertime Sobriety Conv. Write: Ch., 2 Meadow Rd., Russellville, AR 72801-45878
- 10-12 — *Presque Isle, Maine.* District 7 Roundup. Write: Ch., 108 State Rd., Presque Isle, ME 04769
- 10-12 — *Mobile, Alabama.* Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 161166, Mobile, AL 36616
- 10-12 — *Oakview, California.* Second Santa Paula Pig Roast. Write: Ch., 209 E. Surfside Dr., Pt. Hueneme, CA 93041
- 10-12 — *Vernon, British Columbia, Canada.* 22nd Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., #8-1809 40th Ave., Vernon, BC V1T 7X4
- 10-12 — *Springfield, Missouri.* Fourth Annual Roundup. Write: Tr., Box 1607, Springfield, MO 65801
- 10-12 — *Merrimack, New Hampshire.* 29th Area Conv. Write: Function Comm., 321

- Lincoln St., Rm 204, Manchester, NH 03103
- 10-12 — *Bronx, New York.* Ninth BOTWCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 243, Bronx, NY 10461-0243
- 10-12 — *Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada.* 29th Provincial Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2, Paradise, NS B0S 1R0
- 10-12 — *Akron, Ohio.* 59th Founders Day Weekend. Write: Ch., Box 12, Akron, OH 44309
- 10-12 — *Nacogdoches, Texas.* 15th TXSCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 152651, Lufkin, TX 75915
- 10-12 — *Olympia, Washington.* Third Annual Capital Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 2414, Olympia, WA 98507
- 10-12 — *Ladysmith, Wisconsin.* Sobriety Under the Stars. Write: Ch., 309 W. Worden Ave., Ladysmith, WI 54848
- 10-13 — *Cali, Colombia.* Sixth Conv. Write: Ch., Calle 50, #46-36 Of. 1311, Medellin, Colombia
- 11-26 — *Vilnius, Lithuania.* Sixth Multigroup Visit and Conf. Write: Ch., Box 2304, 2050 Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 17-19 — *Anchorage, Alaska.* The Big Book Comes Alive. Write: Ch., Box 221935, Anchorage, AK 99522
- 17-19 — *Lancaster, California.* 21st Antelope Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 3174 Quartz Hill, CA 93536
- 17-19 — *Manchester, England.* 10th Manchester Conv. Write: Ch., 17 Orchard St., West Didsbury, Manchester, England UK M20 8LP
- 17-19 — *Boise, Idaho.* Pacific Reg. Forum. Write: Sec., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 17-19 — *Mason City, Iowa.* Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 466, Clear Lake, IA 50428
- 17-19 — *Medford, New Jersey.* SJCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 84, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

For more detailed suggestions, see the pages noted.

June (page 28): A.A. History.

July (page 22): A.A. in Prison.

- 17-19 — *Brookville, Long Island, New York.* Long Island Roundup. Write: Sec., Box 100, Old Westbury, L.I., NY 11568-0100
- 17-19 — *Akron, Ohio.* 12th Lojers Internationalists Conf. Write: Ch., Box 360446, Columbus, OH 43236
- 17-19 — *Chatham, Ontario, Canada.* 16th Mid-Season Campout. Write: Ch., Box 5, Chatham, ON N7M 5K1
- 17-19 — *Bristol, Rhode Island.* Ocean State Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., Box 41091, Providence, RI 02940
- 17-19 — *Casper, Wyoming.* 19th Annual Jamboree. Write: Sec., Box 4233, Casper, WY 82604
- 17-19 — *Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada.* District 21 Roundup. Write: Ch., 81 Fraser Ave. Apt. #113, Ft. McMurray, AB T9K 3W7
- 17-19 — *Cache Creek, British Columbia, Canada.* 19th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 558, Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0
- 17-19 — *Vancouver, Washington.* Southwest Washington Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 66026, Vancouver, WA 98666
- 18-19 — *High River, Alberta, Canada.* 18th Roundup. Write: Ch., 24 Cataract Rd., High River, AB T1V 1C4

Planning a Future Event?

Please send your information on August, September or October events, two days or more, in time to reach G.S.O. by June 10, the calendar deadline for the August-September issue of Box 4-5-9.

For your convenience and ours — please type or print the information to be listed on the Bulletin Board page, and mail to us:

Date of event: from _____ to _____, 19____

Name of event: _____

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June (cont.)

- 23-26 — *Birmingham, Alabama*. SERCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 130807, Birmingham, AL 35213-0807
- 24-26 — *Alpine, Arizona*. Sixth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 98, Springville, AZ 85938
- 24-26 — *Coombs, British Columbia, Canada*. 34th Annual Rally. Write: Ch., Box 854, Parksville, BC V0R 2G9
- 24-26 — *Monterey, California*. 47th Summer Conf. Write: Ch., 1540 Market St., Rm. 150, San Francisco, CA 94102
- 24-26 — *Moodus, Connecticut*. Soberfest '94. Write: Ch., Box 415, Moodus, CT 06469-0415
- 24-26 — *Key West, Florida*. Seventh Sunset Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 4165, Key West, FL 33041
- 24-26 — *Sept. Iles, Quebec, Canada*. 15th District Congress. Write: Ch., C.P. 1289, Sept-Isles, QC G4R 4X7
- 24-26 — *Wichita Falls, Texas*. Texoma Freedom Rally. Write: Ch., Box 3633, Wichita Falls, TX 76307
- 24-26 — *Alamosa, Colorado*. Serenity in the San Juans. Write: Ch., 4970 Sierra Vista Rd., Alamosa, CO 81101
- 24-26 — *Coraville, Iowa*. Melrose Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 5383, Coralville, IA 52241
- 24-26 — *Peterborough, Ontario, Canada*. 33rd Kawartha Dist. Conf. Write: Ch., 625 Cameron St., Peterborough, ON K9J 3Z9
- 30-July 3 — *Nashville, Tennessee*. 13th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 17373, Nashville, TN 37217

July

- 1-3 — *Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec, Canada*. 19th Conv. Write: Ch., C.P. 951, Riviere-du-Loup, QC G5R 3Z5
- 1-3 — *Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*. 1994 OS-RYPAA Conf. Write: Ch., Box 54634, Oklahoma City, OK 73154
- 1-3 — *Krakow, Poland*. Fifth Congress. Write: Ch., ul. Warszawska 17, 31-155 Krakow, Poland
- 6-10 — *Naples, Florida*. 38th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2901, Naples, FL 33939
- 8-10 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. 50th Anniversary. Write: Ch., 360 East 16th St., North Vancouver, BC V7L 2T2
- 8-10 — *Val D'Or, Quebec, Canada*. 16th Conv. Write: Ch., Boite Postale 1633, Val D'Or, QC J9P 5Y9
- 8-10 — *St. Louis, Missouri*. State Conv. Write: Ch., 5967 Webb Rd., Hillsbro, MO 63050
- 15-17 — *Eugene, Oregon*. Summerfest. Write: Ch., Box 1172, Eugene, OR 97440
- 15-17 — *Carrabassit Valley, Maine*. 17th Area Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 488, Brunswick, ME 04011
- 15-17 — *Medford, Oregon*. Sobriety Extravaganza Campout. Write: Ch., 1250 Covina Ave., Medford, OR 97504
- 15-17 — *King Field (Sugarloaf), Maine*. 17th Area Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 488, Brunswick, ME 04011-0488

- 15-17 — *Madison, Minnesota*. 18th Annual Freedom Fest & Campout. Write: Ch., Rt. 2, Box 8, Correll, MN 56227
- 15-17 — *Olean, New York*. 28th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 64, Allegany, NY 14706
- 16-17 — *Seoul, Korea*. Ninth Intergroup Roundup. Write: Ch., 201-39, Dohwa-Dong, Mapo-Gu, Seoul, 121-042, Korea
- 22-24 — *Rimouski, Quebec, Canada*. District Conv. Write: Ch., C.P. 1178, Rimouski, QC G5L 7C5
- 22-24 — *Wichita, Kansas*. Wichita Summer Roundup. Write: Ch., 2812 E. English, Wichita, KS 67211
- 22-24 — *Binghamton, New York*. NYSCYPAA VIII. Write: Ch., Box 1304, Binghamton, NY 13902
- 22-24 — *Halifax-Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada*. Roundup 1994. Write: Ch., Box 63, Halifax, NS B3J 2L4
- 22-24 — *York, Pennsylvania*. PENNSCYPAA VI. Write: Ch., Box 7382, York, PA 17404
- 22-24 — *Weirton, West Virginia*. 42nd State Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2941, Weirton, WV 26062
- 22-24 — *Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada*. Annual District 6 Mini Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 12, Great Village, NS B0M 1L0
- 23-25 — *Sawyer, Michigan*. GLRCYPAA Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 0042, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303
- 23-25 — *Mansfield, Ohio*. OYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 162, Mansfield, OH 44901
- 23-25 — *Windsor, Ontario, Canada*. Essex County Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1502 Station "A," Windsor, ON N9A 6R5
- 24-25 — *Aberdeen, South Dakota*. Dakota Prairie Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 545, Aberdeen, SD 57402
- 24-25 — *Baumholder, Germany*. Sixth Annual Campathon. Write: Ch., Unit 23802, APO AE 09034
- 29-31 — *Toledo, Ohio*. State Conf. Write: Ch., 5937 Sylvan Green, Sylvania, OH 43560
- 30-August 1 — *Los Angeles, California*. Foot-hill Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 796, Montrose, CA 91021
- 30-August 1 — *Rochester, New York*. 14th Annual New York State. Write: Ch., Box 887, Rochester, NY 14603
- 30-August 1 — *Ithaca, New York*. NY State Conf. of Young People. Write: Ch., Box 4375, Ithaca, NY 14852
- 30-August 1 — *Elbow, Saskatchewan, Canada*. 16th Family Campout. Write: Ch., Box 173, Elbow, SK S0H 1J0
- 30-August 1 — *Kerrville, Texas*. Annual Hill Country Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 33147, Kerrville, TX 78029-8530
- 31-August 1 — *Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada*. 19th Annual Rally. Write: Ch., Box 652, Campbell River, BC V9W 6J3

August

- 5-7 — *Redwood Creek, California*. 16th HCI Campout. Write: Ch., Box 6872, Eureka, CA 95502
- 5-7 — *Cromwell, Connecticut*. 11th Annual Walk Roundup (sponsored by gay & lesbian members). Write: Ch., Box 1389, New Haven, CT 06505

- 5-7 — *Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada*. MCYPAA. Write: Ch., 57 McDougall Ave., Moncton, NB E1C 6B1
- 5-7 — *Springfield, Illinois*. State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 181, Petersburg, IL 62675
- 5-7 — *New Orleans, Louisiana*. Big Easy Does It Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 51266, New Orleans, LA 70151-1266
- 5-7 — *Tulameen, British Columbia, Canada*. 13th Campout. Write: Ch., Box 3C, Comp 3, Tulameen, BC V0X 2L0
- 11-14 — *Washington, D.C.* The Capital Roundup (sponsored by gay & lesbian members). Write: Ch., Box 76786, Washington, DC 20013-6785
- 12-14 — *Kutztown, Pennsylvania*. Ninth Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1334, Reading, PA 19603-1334
- 12-14 — *Arlington, Virginia*. Virginia Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2281, Merrifield, VA 22116
- 13-14 — *Nacogdoches, Texas*. 48th Anniversary. Write: Ch., 1221 Murry St., Nacogdoches, TX 75961
- 17-20 — *Atlanta, Georgia*. 50th Southeast Conf. Write: Ch., Box 80671, Atlanta, GA 30366
- 18-21 — *Omaha, Nebraska*. Cornhusker Roundup XVII. Write: Ch., Box 425, Bellevue, NE 68005
- 19-21 — *College Station, Texas*. 11th Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 9409, College Station, TX 77842-9409
- 19-21 — *Meeker, Colorado*. White River Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1036, Meeker, CO 81641
- 19-21 — *Staten Island, New York*. State Informational Workshop. Write: Ch., Box 090063, Staten Island, New York 10309
- 19-21 — *Soldotna, Arkansas*. Wilderness Jamboree. Write: Ch., Box 2165, Soldotna, AK 99669
- 26-28 — *Joplin, Missouri*. Summer Hummer. Write: Ch., 527 Winfield, Joplin, MO 64801
- 26-28 — *Chattanooga, Tennessee*. Choo Choo Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2105, Chattanooga, TN 37409

September

- 2-4 — *Phoenix, Arizona*. XXII Convención Hispana EEUU y Canadá. Write: Ch., Box 61512, Phoenix, AZ 85082-1512
- 2-4 — *Penticton, British Columbia, Canada*. 29th South Okanagan Labour Day Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 200236, Penticton, BC V2A 8K3
- 2-5 — *Chapleau, Ontario, Canada*. 27th Anniv. Roundup. Write: Sec., Box 634, Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0
- 2-5 — *Tampa, Florida*. Eighth Annual Fall Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 262545, Tampa, FL 33685
- 9-11 — *Cromwell, Connecticut*. 36th Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., 16 Cindy Lane, Berlin, CT 06037
- 16-18 — *Muscatine, Iowa*. Melon City Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1244, Muscatine, IA 52761
- 16-18 — *Ogden, Utah*. Fall Assembly. Write: Ch., 192 North 4700 West, West Weber, UT 84404