

Delegate Report: Good morning, Area 15. I'm an alcoholic, my name is Annie C., Delegate Panel 67, Area 15 S. Florida, Bahamas, US & British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten and the Cayman Islands. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate. Thank you, Beverly for sharing with us Friday night. Unfortunately, our GSO guest this weekend was unable to attend due to the blizzard cancelling many flights from the Northeast. I am trying to reschedule our GSO guest for our July 2018 quarterly. Thank you Sandy for sharing your message with us last night. And thank you to the members of District's 3 and 5 for co-hosting a great quarterly. It isn't easy to host when you are far from home, but you showed us what teamwork is all about.

During last year, I traveled to almost every District presenting Conference reports or participating in service events. I've traveled by car, plane and boat for an estimated 3,500 miles. The 2017 budget for the Delegate position was \$10,500. My year-end expenses were \$7,341 and the Delegate Report Expenses were \$2,066 on a \$2,000 budget. I have passed out the forms to the Area Officers, Committee Chairs and District Chairs regarding the delivery of information and scheduling of Post-Conference Reports. We anticipate the Final Agenda and background information will be available to the Delegates by February 15th or 16th. It will then get paginated and go to the printer. If all goes according to plan.... the background information will be mailed around February 20th. Next quarter we will be reviewing all the Background information and Final Agenda Items for the 68th General Service Conference. As like last year, we will have a review session on **Saturday from 4pm-6pm and then Sunday after our business meeting.**

Regional: In November I attended SSAASA IV in Atlanta. It was a great weekend of shared experience on many different aspects of our service structure. The weekend began with a report from our SE Trustee on Friday night followed by a General Service Structure skit presented by the Delegates, our guest; a GSO staff member and our SE Trustee Cathy. Saturday began with sharing sessions on the Traditions, some of the Concepts, various committees such as Literature, Archives and Grapevine. There was also a session on our General Service Office. After lunch, we returned for more sessions on Bridging the Gap, Archives, The AA Group, Service Sponsorship the remaining Concepts and various other topics. After dinner the co-hosting Area's gave us a presentation on the history of their respective Areas. The evening concluded with an Ice Cream Social and wonderful fellowship opportunities. Sunday morning began with a Trustee Panel. Any of the past or present Trustees (both Class A & B) shared their experience with us. We then had a brief Ask-It-Basket session followed by our SSAASA IV business meeting. The registration for the weekend was 259, the makeup of the steering committee was updated as well. Spanish translation was available and provided over the weekend. A presentation on the site for SSAASA V was next on the agenda. Kenneth C., Panel 67 Delegate from NC and Past Delegate Robert H. from SC co-hosts for SSAASA V presented their bid. We had some lively discussion and the motion to accept the bid proposal passed. We also had a sense of the meeting on which facility and the majority was to use the Ashville Retreat Center at Lake Junaluska, NC. Next on the agenda was any Area wishing to place an intent to host/bid. As your Delegate and based upon the recommendation from our Ad-hoc committee, I submitted our intent to host SSAASA VI in November 2021. This submission went unopposed. Congratulations to Area 15!! The hotel site selection and contract are due to the SSAASA Steering Committee by the SSAASA V business meeting in November 2019.

News from the General Service Board: A progress report on the Google for Nonprofits YouTube page stated that 3 P.S.A.s have been uploaded in English, French and Spanish. The link was sent to all District Chairs for distribution. The A.A. Around the World page is still in development as is exploration for a G.S.O. app. The FNV database was cleaned up, resulting in a decrease in the amount of returned mail to incorrect addresses. Sharing from the annual Central Office/Intergroup seminar resulted in questions regarding literature pricing, discounts, e-books and the possibility of developing gift cards similar to the Grapevine. Publishing & Finance will research these questions and bring back additional information. The translation of Background information in all 3 languages in progressing – utilizing professional translation this year at a cost of approximately \$100k. A revised translation of the Croatian Big Book has been approved & printed, a revised translation of the Slovakian Big Book has been approved and the Ukraine has been issued a license to reproduce and distribute the Big Book in Ukraine. Audio recordings of the Twelve Concepts for World Service in English, French and Spanish is continuing and will be streamed on the aa.org website. Recently, the International desk has heard from a member in Tashkent, Uzbekistan who started the first known A.A. group there, the planning for A.A.'s International

Convention in July 2020 continues. A new digital exhibit on Sam Shoemaker has been added to the “Archives & History” portal section of aa.org. Denmark is moving forward with a re-translation of the Big Book, the Dominican Republic has been issued a license to re-produce & distribute the Big Book in Spanish, the Navajo Big Book recordings have been sent to production and Kazakhstan has requested to translate the Big Book. Sales of literature and contributions are ahead of budget for the first nine months of 2017. In late November, the Conference members received a letter from our General Manager informing us that A.A.W.S has applied to the NY State Supreme Court to voluntarily dismiss its case related to the 1939 Printers Copy Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have also been notified that the review is set for February 21, 2018. The next General Service Board Weekend will take place January 26 – 29th. As Chair of the Conference Committee on Policy & Admissions, I have been invited to attend the Board weekend along with the twelve other Conference Committee Chairs and the Delegate Chair for the 68th General Service Conference. Upon my return, I will attend the SE Delegate Get-Together in Atlanta. All of this will begin our preparation for the 68th General Service Conference.

Financial: In late October each Area received a Group Contribution Report & Summary for the period through September 30, 2017. Out of Area 15’s 2,222 groups, 854 contributed \$174,598.57 representing 38.43 percent of our groups. This information has been passed onto our Area 15 Treasurer. The final figures are in for the 7/27 grassroots campaign **1,857 individuals contributed a total of \$76,829**. Gross sales for 2017 through the month of September are \$10.6 million, contributions are \$5.8 million with total operating expenses at \$11.8 million. The net profit for the first nine months is \$1.3million.

Grapevine: The new book/ebook “Voices of Women In AA” is doing much better than projected. A new Licensing and Intellectual Property policy has discussed and approved. There will be a subscription challenge taking place during the year 2018 as well as AA Grapevine material being included in several service kits produced by AAWS. The combined circulation of print, online and the GV App was over 76,067. La Vina average circulation was at 10,035. La Vina SMS text service has over 1,428 members as of October 18. The total cost versus expenses for 2017 has resulted in a profit for the first nine months of \$119,636. A profit of \$158,582 is forecast for the full year of 2017.

I will submit this report for posting on the Delegate’s Corner section of our Area 15 website at www.area15aa.org. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted, In Love & Service, Annie C., Delegate