

SSAASA 7

November 17-19 in Orlando Hosted by Area 14

Friday Night Skit

Service – Thrid Legacy – Why we are here: GSR, DCM, Area Chair, Delegate, Class B, Class A

Friday Night Sharing Session

GSR - how often do they travel?

3rd Legacy procedure for election - spiritual principle in going to the hat

GV - screen sharing, GV app on phone hard to access archives- they are still working on improvements for phone, easier to search on computer

Class A – is it an outside contribution when their expenses are paid? No, all treated equal - A and B Trustees

GV - our meeting in print then International Journal of Alcoholic Anonymous- app not available outside US/Canada so why call it international

Letter from General Service Office General Manager today - need contributions since literature sales are down - previously literature sales supported services now more contributions are supporting services

Groups not active outside of service structure- complain it's politics without all of the information

Sponsoring 3 legacies not just one or two

GSRs go back and talk about exciting then attract others

GSR - get new people involved in assembly hosting especially Young People

Fellowship Connection - tough to find info

Why did SSAASA start

GSO GM letter again - 6 years until reserves are gone at this rate, we didn't take PPP during Covid - communicate that

Ask people to get involved don't wait for them to show up but invite

Loners and Internationalists - how many? Kelly C Staff Treatment and Accessible

New Survey - confusing

Pamphlet meeting - so much info in our literature

Resources- info available to them - help educate

Inventory committees - BOD inventory in January by consultant, plan set at 74 General Service Conference and done at 75 General Service Conference

Saturday 8-9 am Alternate Delegate Roundtable

Corey D A26

New way to communicate with all members not just GSRs in Area 26 is a private Facebook page since not all read emails. Comments are turned off so it is one way communication. There is a disclaimer on the page and that put in the motion that created the page. On the page it is a place to post Area events, flyers for area things (not home group events). There are 3 admins on the page – Area Officers. Tech Chair are among the 3. Currently there are 323 members on the page.

Lisa D A15

Communication: As Alternate Delegate communication back and forth between the Delegate and the Alternate is key to being fully informed which is important in case the Alternate needs to stand in. It has been said in our area then when the Delegate sneezes she calls me to inform me of what is going on. We have a call at least weekly, more if needed – the calls are a minimum of an hour. Being so informed as the Alternate I can assist as needed/requested

Once an Alternate Delegate is fully informed by the Delegate it is just as important to communicate with GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs and Area Officers. Being visible at area events and being approachable for questions is so important. It also is my favorite part of our events. I love those one on one conversations in the hallways and elevators. My go to is to reference Conference literature or Area documents not give opinion that way I know the answer is right and not just me talking. Sometimes I don't know the answer or where to find it right away so I get their info so I can follow up with answers. This is also a favorite because that means I get to learn something new.

Lastly is Team – Alternate Delegate may not be Area facing but still part of the area team and support one another whether we agree with one another or not. Being open minded to listen to others and of course disagree in a respectful way is great unity and teamwork.

Luke B A1

Communication Checklist questions

- Do I prepare for the Assembly ahead of time, or do I try to cram everything in during the Assembly?
- Do I stay in contact with the Delegate, DCMs, & Area Officers in between Assemblies?
- Do I make sure to myself available, or am I often too busy to answer questions and have discussions with the members of my area?
- Am I approachable to the newer members in service? Do I stay buried in my laptop or only talking to long time service members?
- Am I actively seeking ways to improve communication, or do I simply say, "This is how we've always done it"

Saturday 9:15-10:15 Delegate Roundtable

Julie A51
Molly A37 scribe
“Cute” Delegate

Communication

Am I communicating effectively and in a timely manner?
Are my communications unbiased and safe?
Are my communications reaching the groups?

Unity

Am I able to disagree without being disagreeable?
Am I approachable and open, even when it's a tough topic?
Do I think of the “whole” in my actions?

Trust

Am I honest and thorough in reporting back?
Do I spread gossip?
Am I leading by example?

Experience

So I share my experience with no expectations?
Am I open to new ideas, especially when they conflict with my past experience?
Is my past experience relevant to the current setting, would it be better to let future leaders emerge?

10:30-11:30 What does a delegate do?

Kathy G A15
Highlight responsibility

Overview of Conference history before 1950 all decisions by Dr Bob and Bill W

Communication - info flowing up and down triangle

Telephone game - communication

Robert H A62 and Katy P A51
Delegates and Dashboard (now Onboard)

Agenda item selection - January Board meeting final agenda

Pre conf activity differs in each area

Conference Week – what happens

Conference Committee Reports – Advisory Actions

Plain and Simple 2020 Conference part of Item K in 2016 it was stand alone item and it was additional committee consideration

Subcommittee RIPTAB researching issues possible tools and access to the Book, Advisory Action

Recommit 12 yes, 119 against

Main motion 110 yes, 19 no

Minority opinion then motion to reconsider 27 yes, 103 against

Original motion passed

Post Conference- report back and final reports vary in each area

11:30-12:30 Lunch and learn GV app

Magazine isn't going away

Free to download but cost for stories and archives

4 apps GV and LaVina for 2 android (GV, LaVina) and 2 iPhone (GV, LaVina)

FAQ on GV site

Archive back to 1944

Benefits

Apps Launched in September - Results to date as of Nov 6th – downloads - Grapevine ios 13,582; Grapevine Android 5,062; LaVina ios 433; LaVina Android 81 Total 22,158.

Subscriptions – Grapevine ios 2,582; Grapevine Android 436; LaVina ios 79; Lavina Android 19 Total 3,116. Income Grapevine ios \$37,664; Grapevine Android \$7,837; LaVina ios \$723; LaVina Android \$133 Total \$46,357

1:00-2:15 Concepts Overview

Billy N A15 background of concepts 1961, read introduction, 1971 Conference passed short form without going through a committee just Bill who passed away a few months earlier liked them so they approved them. They were shortened by a GV editor

Corey D A26 Concepts 1,2,3

Born F A15 Concepts 4,5,6 break down long form to smaller pieces

Jimmy W Concepts 7,8,9

Billy N 10,11,12

2:40-3:40 Our Great Responsibility

Ranier L A51

Donna W A15

Michele Mirza AA Archivist listened to recordings - history book, transcribe recordings then edited and verified for accuracy, published May 2019

Several readings from 1965

4-5 Skit What Our Experience has taught us – How the Traditions saved a Home Group

6:30-7:30 Speaker Meeting

Michele Grinberg Past Class A Chair of the Board
Jon GV editor
Sandy W GSO staff

Intro P72/73 Delegates**7:30-8:30 SE Trustee Report /8:30-9:30 Sharing Session**

Class B as Board Chair Scott H on slate, first elected Class B, 2 other alcoholics pre Conference and 2 interim Class B in recent years

GV app

GV Podcasts top 5 percent of all podcasts

PAI - EDW 3rd of pilot program
January Board Meeting will have final agenda

Finance overview reserve 7.26 months, cash coming in and getting better
Might do a draw down in January if cash position isn't better

New Staff - Ranier L A51 Past Delegate will be on Corrections Desk

Back flow is cleared for license and translation

Onboard replaced dashboard for Conference members

Fellowship Connection – DCMs have access

New survey which ends soon. Why not through the Delegate? On app and what's new first.
results? PI handling

All Conference Call - 1st was reports, second was all q & a,

Location plus - 150 cities down to 3, lose 80 percent employees, 7 million to relocate, committee still working end of year will be done, reduce square footage per employee? Still being looked at

Progress online groups - committee still working - contact Carolyn

Power of purse need to send a letter too, debt to creditors? Not more than 1 month behind on anything, rent is current and 1/2 million 60 days late, accounts receivable is 1 million- literature,

No written report on this tonight

Defer projects? - all need to go into budget before we can do them

GM letter - reduce expenses but are they?

Power of the purse hurts suffering alcoholic

DUI and going to International Convention in 2025 - printable copy of Canada form - FAQs on aa.org

Linda forced to resign and now we are in dire financial situation ?!? Not related. Budget was already forecasted for loss before the resignation

How should we communicate ideas of \$\$\$ cuts? Send to Board treasurer

Too much Literature? Charge for downloads since they aren't buying paper copies

Talk about looking within - what about what we put in the basket

Sunday 8-10 Business Meeting

Steering Committee Treasurer Robert H A62

Money over seed money will go to steering committee. If short then steering will add \$3,000 is prudent reserve. Over \$10,000 in steering then funds go to GSB

Is account interest bearing? No

Why 2 banks for 2 accounts? Why not 2 accounts in 1 bank?

SSAASA 7 Treasurer

Lori P A14

Preliminary report

3500 seed

Registration \$12,059

Contributions \$2,300

Stripe charges \$446

\$180 refund

Av \$4000

\$13,669 total expenses

342 Pre registration

10 scholarship

319 actual attendance

\$1055 on-site reg

SSAASA 8 Host Bid

A71 Mary Ann

November 7-9 or December 5-7, 2025 pending Board weekend schedule

Hyatt Regency Dulles

\$119, \$129 triple/quad rate 1 day pre /post

Hotel shuttle to Dulles

\$4500 F b

\$24 ++ coffee

200 room nights - can add room nights 300+ hotel rooms onsite plus overflow close

\$1000 meeting space

Comp parking

Comp internet

Steering Committee Report

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Guideline Changes from SSAASA 6

Motion from SSAASA 6 to change the event name and steering committee recommendation to keep it - no motion so we are keeping name

New Business

Proposed changes to guidelines from steering committee for consideration

Passed #1 Add "At SSAASA, we share our A.A.

Passed as amended #4 change the preferred date of the event preferred but not mandatory

Passed #5 change status of the current SERT

Passed #6 addition to clarify who will chair the business meeting

Passed #6d add "for disapproval " regarding suggested changes to the guidelines by the steering committee

Passed #7 raise the seed money to \$5,000

Passed #11 add "if possible, the workshop leaders and panelists should represent all Areas of the Southeast Region"

Passed #18 to fund the SSAASA Steering Committee Chair to attend the event from the Steering Committee bank account

Other new business

Suggestions to steering committee for future changes

#6b bids for next SSAASA

#18 interest bearing account , increase cap to \$13,000

#12 reg fee \$20 raise it

#17 and #18 taking bank name out

ASL and Spanish interpreter and also translate all materials - funding?

End business 943 am

Business Meeting ended early so we went right into 10:30-11:30 Past Trustees

Cathy B A73 view from top of triangle wonderful after being at bottom

Michele Grinberg PI changes which are great getting us out there

Chet P A14 fond memory international Convention 2015 flag ceremony- US Flag then he chaired - wow

Billy N as an organization we can do better- age, Spanish, be fair and ask questions in respectful way

Ended 1041