

Good Morning;

My name is Mike M. - Washington State East Area 92 Panel 54 Delegate

I was told I should get used to saying that because I will have to use it always at the Conference. First of all I want once again to express the Gratitude I have for the honor of representing AA as a whole in Area 92 to AA as a whole at the General Service Conference.

I started getting correspondence from Delegates from around the region and GSO almost as soon as the election was over. Phyllis introduced me by email to the other Panel 53 and 54 Delegates in the Region. In late December I received my communications Kit from Bill A. the Conference Coordinator. My Conference Committee will be CPC, which I am very happy about since I was the Area CPC chair. The CPC Committee Secretary is Rick W. I also received a compilation/History of the General Service Committee on CPC. The Communications Kit, came with a list of the Preliminary Agenda Items, which I have passed out to the DCM's. I caution you this is only a Preliminary list, we will be getting the full set of Agenda Items including the background material after the January board weekend January 31-Feb 1. As soon as the board decides on all the Agenda items the conference coordinator will send out the information and I will get the necessary copies made to send to the DCM's. It is my intention to have discussion topics on the website as soon as possible too. As a way to save money I would ask that any DCM's that have Internet capabilities print them from the Area Website.

Theme for the 54th Conference is "Our Singleness of Purpose-The Corner stone of AA" and the Presentation/Discussion and workshop topics will include:

1. Our Singleness of Purpose
 1. Our Responsibility to the Newcomer
 2. Communicating Our Singleness of Purpose
2. The Cornerstone of A.A.:
 1. Safeguarding Our Unity
 2. Traditions Three and Five; Our Members, Our Message

AAWA Highlights

December 11, 2003

As we approach year-end 2003, General Manager Greg M .shared that this was a year enhanced by the splendid dedication of the A.A.W.S. Directors, whose guidance enabled remarkable progress benefiting the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. For instance, the S.M.A.A. office in Montreal was closed and

French literature operations transferred to G.S.O.; the migration of our software-platform from the AS-400 mid-range system to Windows XP, including implementation of the (Traverse) back-office system', three new publications were produced: Experience, Strength and Hope, Les Alcooliques Anonymes, and De las tinieblas hacia la luz, and the decision was made to add A.A.'s basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous (English, French, and Spanish versions), to our Web site, www.aa.org

On November 5th, Elaine McDowell (Board Chair) and Greg M. (General Manager GSO) traveled to India to attend the 32nd General Service Conference of A.A. in that huge country. They were unaware that India's Trustees' Public Information Committee, together with local P.I. Committees, had planned a public information program for each city we visited! Elaine and Greg were delighted to cooperate with print, radio and television media and to participate in numerous interviews. In addition, they shared A.A. information in local treatment centers, schools for Social Work and Social Sciences, as well as with members of the Medical Association of India. Each opportunity was a public information bonanza for A.A. Greg expressed his deep gratitude to Elaine for her willingness to travel and participate in this A.A. adventure - her outstanding participation on behalf of A.A. opened doors and secured many new friends for the Fellowship in India.

By the end of October, voluntary contributions for the year exceeded the budget for the first time since early 2003. Preliminary numbers for November indicate that contributions will be in line with budget projections by year-end. Sale of A.A. literature continues to be strong, and we project that year-end sales will exceed budget.

Beginning next year, Markings (our Archives newsletter) will be published on a bimonthly basis, and will contain articles based on information and history in our Archives. Thus, the January 2004 issue of Markings will reflect changes in editorial philosophy and distribution. Heretofore, Markings was a forum for sharing among Archivists and others interested in A.A. history. Subscriptions were optional, and each issue was sent to Archivists listed with G.S.O. We have initiated an active role in determining the content of each issue of Markings. Distribution will change in line with a suggestion by the Trustees' Archives Committee that Area delegates and Board members automatically be included on the Markings' mailing list. Examples of articles in future Markings issues are: descriptions of "recovery" programs that preceded the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous; how A.A. began, our program's impact on the medical field, industry, education, etc.; and, landmarks that led to acceptance of A.A.'S basic principles and established our solid foundation (Twelve Traditions, Three Legacies, and service as basic to unity).

Services

Conference - Bill A. - The Conference Desk has received the names of all 45 new, Panel 54 Delegates. Committee selection for these delegates will take place by December 15. In addition, the volume of suggestions and requests for consideration by the Conference has been increasing and the Conference team is preparing for the influx of more Agenda items as we approach the January 15, 2004 deadline.

Cooperation With the Professional Community – Rick W. - On December 1, G.S.O. hosted the Annual Day of Sharing with staff from the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) and the Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters. Also here to share were representatives from the New York affiliate of NCADD and the New York Intergroup. The Day of Sharing offers a chance to maintain open communication among our offices, and to share information on news services, literature, events and activities.

Group Services – Julio E. - Since our last meeting, four new pieces have been added to the list of Service Material Available from G.S.O., including: "Transcription Notes to Assist Signer/Interpreter" and translations for signing purposes of the following pamphlets: "Do You Think You're Different?," "Is A.A. for Me" and "This is A.A."

International – Adrienne B. Adrienne B. and Elaine McDowell attended a planning session of the World Health Organization's Global Council for Mental Health in Geneva Switzerland, October 30-31. Adrienne reported that she has received the Polish version of the 17th World Service Meeting Report', and we have received information on the existence of the Third A.A. Convention in Muscat, Oman, in the Middle East.

2005 International Convention - Doug R. - The current of 2005 International Convention activity continues to pick up - Doug, Greg and Gregg Talley, our Convention Consultant, will head to Toronto on December 19 to work out details for local transportation of attendees. At their November meeting, the General Service Board confirmed Barry Watson, past Area 83 Eastern Ontario Delegate, as the local Host Committee Chair for the 2005 International Convention in Toronto.

Literature - Eva S. - In November, a Literature Activity Update mailing was mailed to 590 literature contacts and chairs (518 English, 64 French, and 8 Spanish). The mailing included information on the revised pamphlet, "A.A. and the Armed Services" (P-50), as well as the new boxed set of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Experience Strength and Hope; updates on

translations of A.A. literature; highlights of the November meeting of the trustees' Literature Committee; and a copy of the article on A.A. literature from the October/November issue of Box4-5-9.

Public Information - Gavle R. - The compilation video of all current television P.S.A.s, updated with the current "We Know What It's Like" was mailed out in November to all area Public Information Committee chairs, as was requested by the 2003 Conference Committee on Public Information. Gayle visited St. Louis, Missouri, on December 6 for filming of the 2004 television P.S.A., "Living in Chaos"

Publications - For the months of October and November 2003, we distributed a total of 361,728 units, up from the total of 338, 190 for October and November 2002. In the first 11 months, A.A. purchasers accounted for 1,271,290 units (80%), while non-A.A.s accounted for 325,334 units (20%). October and November gross sales were budgeted at \$1,705,785. Actual sales, unaudited, came in at \$1,897,625, up \$190,840 (or 11% over budget) for the period. It was also reported to the committee that the revised version of the pamphlet, "A.A. and the Armed Services," is now available.

Big Book sales during the first 9 months of the year are up 21%

Financial - Unaudited results for the ten-month period ended October 31, 2003 reflected: Gross Sales - \$9,159,700,. Contributions received - \$4,019,800*, Total Revenue - \$8,100,800; Total Expenses - \$8,634,900; Net Loss - \$534,000 (approximately \$164,000 less than anticipated)

- PRAASA March 5-6-7

I was asked by the PRAASA committee to submit a list of members from our Area that will be attending PRAASA.

- Pre Conference Assembly April 2-3 Spokane County Fairgrounds
- Conference April 18-24 New York
- PNC July 2-4 Yakima
- Forum July 18-19 Portland