

Report from the January 17, 2016 Area 55 General Service Assembly

John C. had some updates for us from New York. He said the construction that has been going on at the New York office should be finished by now. He said the General Service Office and the Grapevine are now on the same floor and this is estimated to save us over \$1,000,000 a year. He apologized to the body for any inconvenience this change might have caused anyone while it was in the process of being done. General Service has a new General Manager named Greg T. He gave an outline of Greg's resume including his formal education and his prior service in AA. John told us that Greg had made a decision not to send a representative from GSO to our upcoming Mini-Conference and that John had sent a text to Greg respectfully disagreeing with this decision. Greg sent him a text saying he would reconsider. John said he was on the phone with other ECR Delegates the other night and they were discussing options for other speakers if indeed Greg decides not to send a rep from GSO. He also said there are two new staff members who are Jeff W. from Maplewood, NJ and Sandra W. from Rahway, NJ. Here in our Area we are getting ready for the Mini-Conference, March 4th, 5th and 6th at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. We had the first Conference Planning meeting one week ago and got all the details set up. John was informed that we will be hosting the 2017 ECR Delegates/Past Delegates Conference. John has locked in the second weekend of February at the Holiday Inn French Quarter for this. He encouraged everyone to come and said he will be asking some of our Area 55 Past Delegates for help to make this a positive experience. He outlined his and/or Henry C.'s schedule for the next few months as to what events and where they will be travelling to, i.e. Delegates/Past Delegates Conferences, other Area Mini-Conferences, the General Service Conference in New York, etc. He said he would appreciate it if any of our Past Delegates or anyone in the body would write or email Greg T. about his decision not to send a GSO rep to our Mini-Conference and reiterate how we feel about that.

John is also in the process of helping the Correctional Committee get a meeting back into the jail. It seems there has been some miscommunication that needs to be cleared up. As soon as he gets it cleared up, he will report back.