

AREA 55 DELEGATE'S REPORT

Nancy M., Area 55 Delegate

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Nancy, John, and Bob attended the Delegate/Past Delegate Conference in Schaumburg, Ill. The conference is preparation before going to New York. Next year I was selected to be mock Chair Person. I have been assigned to the Finance Committee. Anyone can write a letter to New York about any issue in A.A. to have the trustees look at it and decide if they are going to put it on the conference floor. The reason is to prepare the Delegates in our region to go to New York and have an idea of the process when we go there. New officers were elected and a proposal was discussed to combine this Conference with the Regional Conference. There was some controversy and maybe it will be voted on next year. Rick W. from New York, the General Service Office staff person there, gave a report about what is going on in New York. There are two new staff members who have been hired. The purpose of the office as being a place where literature is published and also for the purpose of communication throughout the world was discussed. Soft covered books are for corrections facilities. They have been asking for a large print edition Big Book so World Service is going to print one. It will not have all the stories. It will be for a Big Book study in corrections facilities. We do not know when. The Big Book and 12x12 are now available on Amazon.com and in the near future, all of the books will be available. Books now published in American Sign Language are planned to be updated. Box 459 is now available online at the aa.org website. It also has a search engine so we can search by topic for all of the Box 459 that are available. In November 2013 they received the most contribution from members and groups they ever have. They are sending letters to 28,000 media sources regarding our anonymity. I just received the topics (questions) that are going to be on the agenda for the conference in April. There are some issues about whether we need to update some things about our anonymity and get it to the people who need to know.

Nancy, John, and Bob are going to meet to seek out what we need to get ready for our mini conference. Then, Nancy will be scheduling a meeting at the Holiday Inn in about two weeks.

A convention planning meeting will be held on Saturday; and things are coming together. We have some great chair people.

We need a liaison to the Monroe Michigan Intergroup. Is there anyone here who lives in Monroe County that would be willing to be the liaison? That is the only other intergroup in our area. Scott M. and Nancy will attend the next Monroe Intergroup.

Edward C, Old Westend, asked who publishes our literature now. AAWS publishes all our conference approved literature.

Linda K. asked about the planned G.S.R. school. Nancy gave the date of May 17 at Echo Meadows Church.