

## **Report from the February 21, 2016 Area 55 General Service Assembly**

John C. said that he and Henry C. went to the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference in Milwaukee last weekend. They got to speak with many Delegates and they were in some late night sessions. He said he has a lot of information to read before he goes to New York and wants to be as well prepared as possible. He said New York did not send a representative to this Conference either as they aren't to our Mini-Conference. He said a few groups in our Area wrote letters to New York to express their feelings on this. He got a chance to sit down with Bill F., our ECR Trustee and talked with him at length about this. After talking with Bill, John realized how busy they are in New York right now and how many days they have to pay people to be able to come to the Mini-Conferences. However, he hopes this does not happen year after year as so many members would otherwise not have the opportunity to meet someone who works in the New York office. He wanted to encourage everyone to register for the Mini-Conference. John has been asked to serve on a panel at the Illinois State Convention regarding young people in A.A. He read a letter written by Bill W. to the young people. He mentioned that we can use our last names here at the Assembly since it is a closed meeting. He said that when the Committees and Districts give their reports, they can put everyone's full names in their reports. He wanted to thank the Past Delegates that are here today - it means a lot to have them here for their experience and John wants to get together with all of them for dinner after the Mini-Conference. He wanted to thank Bob S. in particular for a list of pointers he gave him for his trip to New York. He thanked everyone in the room for allowing him to serve them and for all the service work everyone does.