

Report from the April 19, 2015 Area 55 General Service Assembly

As John is reading this we are just starting our afternoon session. I have all the Mini Conference information with me so I can represent Northwest Ohio and Monroe County Michigan to the best of my ability. General Service Office Information: As of March 13th there are over 36,000 people registered for the International Convention. There is an opening for a GSO staff member, deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2015. Planning for late summer early fall construction to co locate the Grapevine on the same floor as GSO. The Corrections Desk asked GSO is in process of preparing a new service on engaging AA members in corrections work. This desk will also be introducing a joint effort of AA Grapevine and the Correction Desk to address on met request Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions. In February Rick W. GSO staff and Bob W. US Trustee-At-Large went to Japan to participation in the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the first Japanese speaking meeting in Japan. The AAWS Board approved the following recommendations brought to them by the Technology Communication Service Committee that the three titles currently produced in audio format in English, French and Spanish Alcoholic Anonymous 12Steps and 12 Traditions and the pamphlet AA the Alcoholic with special needs be made available via audio streaming from GSO to AA web sites. That opening for a 2016 AA Non Alcoholic trustee be placed on aa.org to coincide with Box 459 News Letters. East Central Regional in February's Delegate / Past Delegates Conference two items stood out the amount requested from each Area to fund the cost of coffee and water for our Hospitality Room at the International Convention is at \$350. We are also asking to provide a list of people who would be willing to give a few hours of their time to man the hospitality Room. The proposal made in 2014 to consolidate the Delegates / Past Delegates and East Central Regional Conference was voted down. I expect this to come up again in the future years. Our Mini Conference was very successful. I am blessed to have this opportunity to serve our Area and Alcoholic Anonymous.

In Gratitude: Nancy M.