

Report from the May 21, 2017 Area 55 General Service Assembly

John gave a brief report of his trip to New York. He said he will give a full report next month and at Unity Day he will have a Powerpoint presentation. He asked what we would like to hear about and it was agreed that we would like to hear about the results of the voting of the issues we voted on at our Mini-Conference. It was also decided that we would like a synopsis of what occurred at the New York Conference. John thanked the body for its support. He said they covered 92 agenda items and 8 floor actions at the General Service Conference. John discussed the Districts getting active and said he would like to step into the DCMC position when he rotates out of the Delegate position, obviously with the body's approval. He appreciates the Area's financial support and said that if everyone gave \$0.25 per week or \$13.00 per year throughout the U.S., AA would be totally self-supporting. We are now at 80% of being totally self-supporting. A lot of this money goes to foreign countries and remote places where they don't have the money to be able to purchase literature and other things needed to carry on the AA message. He said there is probably going to be some litigation regarding ownership of the original manuscript of the Big Book. It was going to be put up for auction but it was determined that AA owns it so we will have to go through some litigation to get this legally set. He also said safety was an issue brought up at the Conference. He said he and Henry C. and Jim S. will be visiting the Districts. He wanted to thank the Panel 66 officers for helping to serve dinner at the Intergroup Association meeting last evening. John will be giving a presentation on the General Service Conference at Unity Day.