

Report from the September 18, 2016 Area 55 General Service Assembly

John said that Clement has contacted him and said he will be the speaker at our next Mini-Conference. Clement sits on Treatment and Accessibilities. GSO is accepting applications for a staff member. They would like the person to have at least 6 years of sobriety with communication, organizational and computer skills. A.A. service experience as well as the willingness to move to New York City, if needed, will be taken into consideration. Opening will be available January 2017. Revenue: Feasibility Study will explore what it means to communicate with all groups for the express purpose of seeing if they do or do not contribute to GSO and what GSO could do to encourage them to contribute. Expenses: They want to explore the structure of the GSO including holding the General Service Conference outside of New York City proper and reducing the length of the Conference by refiguring the agenda. The idea of holding the Conference outside of New York City proper will not be considered at this time unless the General Service Board hears an expressed desire from the Fellowship. Structure: Explore the combining of back office functions such as finance and information technology, to promote efficiency and cost savings. They state that the General Service Board will definitely not consider this idea unless they hear an expressed desire from the Fellowship. John will be setting up a meeting to start getting organized for next year's Mini-Conference. We also have the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference coming up next February. He said we have three District Workshops coming up—District 14, District 3 and District 11. He was also very pleased with how the OYPAA Conference went. He said there were Delegates from three areas there plus several Past Delegates. He also asked that the GSRs take back to their groups that we have to pay for John to go to New York again next year and to begin getting prepared for that financially.