



# Area 55 Delegate Report

August 2024  
General Service Assembly



# Panel Happenings

- Monthly video chat to review communication, workflow, offer support, problem solve, and connect as friends
- Group chat to enhance communication
- Lots of collaboration and teamwork this past month to support one another!
- We're going to OYPAA! We have an outreach table for Area 55 at the upcoming Ohio Young People in AA Conference, October 25-27. You're welcome to join us as we share information about Area 55 General Service and next year's 69th Ohio State Convention of AA
- We are helping to facilitate multiple roundtable discussions at the 68th Ohio State Convention later this month

# Delegate Debrief

- I have gotten plugged in to the General Service Conference structure
  - Fellowship Connect
  - OnBoard
  - Report and Charter
- Waffle Wednesday
  - Held 1st Wednesday of each month for East Central Region Delegates + ECR Trustee
- Midyear General Service Conference virtual meeting
  - Tuesday, August 20. Theme: The Importance of the Group Conscience
- State Convention

# Plain Language Big Book - History

- 66th General Service Conference (2016) Conference Committee on Literature Agenda Item A: “Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous”
  - Committee took no action, suggested the issue be explored by Trustee’s Literature Committee
- November 2019 Quarterly Report from GSO - shares that a subcommittee has been formed to review previous requests for PLBB. Subsequent Quarterly Reports shared additional updates
- 71st General Service Conference: Draft development approved
- January 2022: 18 translators identified; 6 selected to translate Chapter 5; 1 selected
- May 2022: Contract with writer completed

# Plain Language Big Book - Now

- 74th General Service Conference (2024)
  - Committee on Literature had 10-hr session with full draft
  - All other conference members had 2-hr slot to review
  - It was recommended that the draft be approved with minor changes
    - Move the AA Steps Table to an Appendix
    - Replace references to addiction and addicted with language related to alcoholism
    - 10 minor editorial changes
- Scheduled release: November 1, 2024
  - AAWS Board approved price: \$11.00
  - Will include digital copy
- Not a replacement for the Big Book... Not the 5th Edition.
- This is a translation into simple language to help promote accessibility to the message

# GV: Young People's Video Project – 2 New Videos

[Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life | Alcoholics Anonymous](#)

[Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist | Alcoholics Anonymous](#)

This is the result of Agenda Item L, Public Information Committee, receiving a positive vote (122 - 4) at the 74th General Service Conference to move forward with the Young People's Video Project.

# Other Updates from GSO and AAWS

- International Convention Registration opens at noon EST on September 10
  - <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>
  - \$160/person. Virtual registration options will be available
- Alcoholics Anonymous has acquired the domain name alcoholicsanonymous.com, which had previously been owned by an unaffiliated 3rd party, at no cost. The domain automatically redirects to aa.org. Culmination of over a decade of work.
- Final General Service Conference Reports
  - Digital: Going live on aa.org next week
  - Print: will ship on September 18
- Quarterly Financial Report has been released
- [Box 4-5-9 Summer 2024](#) has been released
- East Central Region Trustee, Cathi C., is preparing a report from last month's General Service Board meeting
- Class B (alcoholic) Trustee Vacancy – past delegates eligible to stand

# Action Items – Opportunities to Engage in Service

- Submit theme, workshop, and presentation topic suggestions for the 76th General Service Conference by October 14th. Take a printed copy to your next group conscience / District Meeting / Committee Meeting
- Submit a Proposed Agenda Item for next year's General Service Conference by September 30. [Click here](#) to view submission forms.
- 69th Ohio State Convention — join the planning committee
  - Next meeting to be held on September 21st, 10:30am - Noon, Central Office (3328 Glanzman Rd)
- Reach out to Archives Committee to discuss Group Histories
- Adopt someone from the shut-in list to send a monthly correspondence



# Where to find these reports?

- Delegate reports will be uploaded to [area55aa.org](http://area55aa.org)
  - Check for yourself / in case you miss Assembly
  - Share at your next group conscience
- Links/attachments of reports will be included in the following month's digital mailing

# Questions?

Reach out to [delegate@area55aa.org](mailto:delegate@area55aa.org)

Respectfully submitted,

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