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# Area 55 Delegate Report

January 19, 2025  
General Service Assembly



# Panel Officer Happenings

- Rob (registrar) - demonstrated equal measures of initiative and grace in getting acquainted to position
- Ashley (recording secretary) - agreed to chair ad hoc committee on Area 55 technology needs, hosted first meeting
- Shannon (mailing secretary) - active participation in Mini Conference and OSC planning ; agreed to assist with enhancing communication via flier creation
- Michael (treasurer), Larry (alt. delegate/chair), & Josh (delegate) met with Jen (webmaster) to remediate online contribution system and create online registration/payment process for MC and OSC

# Delegate Debrief

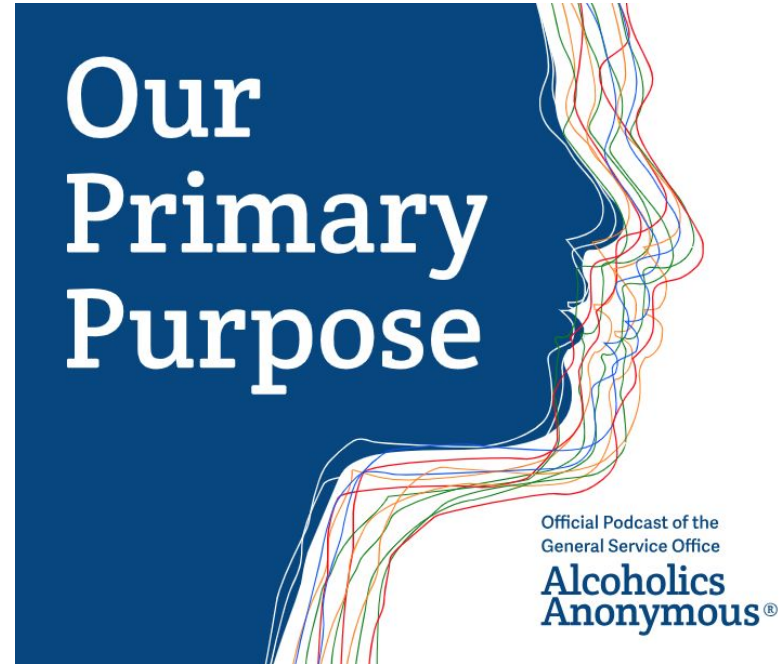
- Panel 75 has begun - have met and helped to welcome new delegates in Ohio and East Central Region. Attended meeting in Area 54 with new A54 delegate, Bev. F.
- Attended MONCYPAA and NOCYPAA reformation meetings to offer support and encourage General Service participation
- Waffle Wednesday (Monday, Jan. 6): majority of meeting focused on Conference of Delegates Past and Present and the process of East Central Region Trustee nominations.
- OnBoard Training for all delegates on Jan. 15
- Broad Highway and Mini Conference / State Convention planning meetings
- Will be attending Conference of Delegates Past and Present with our Alternate Delegate February 6-8

# Updates from the General Service Office

- AAWS Board of Directors met in November
  - [Click for “Business of the Board” highlights](#)
  - Recommendation: all AAWS Board members and trustees receive annual anti-harassment/discrimination training (previously voluntary)
  - The formation of a subcommittee was approved to develop and implement a comprehensive social media policy.
  - Initial QR code rollouts are underway with pamphlets in three languages.
- AA Grapevine book prices will see a \$1.00 price increase beginning Feb. 1 to reflect increased production costs
- Discount Literature Packages will see [price increases](#) effective Jan. 22
- Print copies of The A.A. Service Manual / Twelve Concepts for World Service 2024 - 2026 are now [available for purchase](#) (\$4.00/copy)
- Vacancy of Non-Trustee Director of AA Grapevine - accepted applications during 1 week window after notification was sent on Jan. 7

# Updates from the General Service Office

- [International Convention](#): July 3 - 6, 2025 in Vancouver, BC, Canada
  - Thursday night party, flag ceremony, stadium meetings and Saturday night old timers' meeting.
  - Over 20+ Hospitality suites
  - Over 250 different meetings to pick from.
  - NOT your typical convention - first international in 10 years
- [Our Primary Purpose](#) podcast launched on Jan. 14 - Focus on General Service Office



# Plain Language Big Book - Update

- Second printing, reflecting the changes referenced in last month's report, is now in stock and available for purchase
- Financial Information: Unit cost for first printing was \$4.22/copy; sold for \$11.00/copy = 61.6% profit margin
- PLBB was priced at \$11.00 to align with price of The Big Book so that people searching literature purchased the appropriate book based on their needs, not based on book's price – did not want to incentivize PLBB over Big Book via cheaper price
- **GSRs and DCMs: Please gather feedback from your groups/districts on their response to the Plain Language Big Book for a sharing session at the February Assembly**

# Military Veteran Interview Project

- Trustee's Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities has launched the Military Veteran Project to enhance outreach efforts tailored to veterans
- Seeking A.A. members who are military veterans and willing to be interviewed as part of the project
- To listen to audio interview of active duty A.A. members, visit [www.aa.org/military](http://www.aa.org/military)
- To learn more about this project or to volunteer for an interview, email [militaryoutreach@aa.org](mailto:militaryoutreach@aa.org)



# 69th Ohio State Convention of AA... Hosted by Area 55

- **Who:** A.A. members from Area 55, other Ohio areas, and Al-Anon / Alateen participation. Me, you, your sponsor, your sponsees
  - **What:** A weekend of Fellowship, Unity, Service, and Recovery
  - **When:** August 8 - 10, 2025
  - **Where:** Delta Hotels Toledo
  - **How (much):** Rooms for \$129/night + Tax; registration \$40
  - Registration forms (paper and online) will be available by or before our February Assembly
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- Theme: Attraction By Action
  - Next planning meeting: Saturday, February 22, 10:30am - Noon at Central Office (3328 Glanzman Rd)

# 2025 Area 55 Mini Conference

- March 21 + 22, First United Methodist Church, Bowling Green Ohio
- **For updates and online registration/payment, visit [www.area55aa.org/mini-conference](http://www.area55aa.org/mini-conference)**
- Upcoming planning meetings. All Mini Conference planning meetings will be held at 10am at Central Office
  - January 25
  - February 15
  - March 1

# Technology Training for Chairs / Officers / OSC

- Saturday, February 1, 3:00pm - 5:30pm at Toledo Library Main Branch / Downtown, Technology Training Room
- On-site support and training from our Webmaster on Google Drive, Area 55 Gmail accounts, Google Docs, and more
- Bring a laptop if you have one, but 10 desktops will be available for use

# Broad Highway - Area Outreach Trips



Mural at Defiance Fellowship Club

14 members of Area 55 joined for an outreach trip to Districts 8, 9, and 11. We were able to be present at someone's first ever A.A. meeting to help the group's members carry our life saving message.

# Broad Highway - Area Outreach Trips

- **Wednesday, February 12**

- 7pm: Fremont Grapevine, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 206 N. Park Avenue, Fremont, OH

- Karly and Kay from District 11 have agreed to coordinate the Broad Highway Trips over the next few months to help keep the momentum and continue inviting members throughout the Area to participate in General Service.

# Feedback Needed for Delegate

- Feedback from A.A. members in our area on the Plain Language Big Book
- How would members of Area 55 best like for information from the General Service Conference to be shared within our area following the conference?

Please discuss these issues with your home groups and districts and come prepared to share at the February General Service Assembly

# Action Items – Opportunities to Engage in Service

- 69th Ohio State Convention — join the planning committee
  - **Next meeting to be held on Feb. 22, 10:30am - Noon, Central Office (3328 Glanzman Rd)**
- Mini Conference planning: next meetings Jan. 25, Feb. 15, March 1 at 10am, Central Office
- Share information from this report at your next group conscience
- Connect with Corrections committee to discuss opportunities to get involved (**Upcoming PREA Training on Jan. 22, 4pm-8pm at CTF - connect with Chair [Geneva] for details**)
- Encourage your group to discuss the possibility of “adopting” someone on the accessibility list
- Mini Conference + State Convention = lots of ways to dive in
- Register for the Mini Conference, March 21 + 22 at [area55aa.org/mini-conference](http://area55aa.org/mini-conference)

# Where to find these reports?

- Delegate reports will be uploaded to [area55aa.org/delegate-report/](https://area55aa.org/delegate-report/)
- 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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