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# Area 55 Delegate Report

February 16, 2025  
General Service Assembly



# Panel Officer Happenings

- Multiple officers have navigated health issues and personal matters over the past month, yet found ways to keep their commitments
- Larry B., Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, attended Conference of Delegates Past and Present last weekend - opportunity to connect with other Alternate Delegates in the East Central Region and learn more about the General Service Conference committee process
- Ashley L., Recording Secretary, chaired second meeting of ad hoc committee for Area technology needs
- Over half of panel officers attended first ever Area 55 technology training

# Delegate Debrief

- Attended General Service Conference orientation online; received and reviewed 75th General Service Conference Pre-Conference Guide
- Attended Conference of Delegates Past and Present
  - Introduced Sherry S. as the Area 55 nominee for East Central Region Trustee
  - East Central Region had 10 nominees for ECR Trustee and 7 for Trustee-at-Large
- Mini Conference and Ohio State Convention planning is proceeding smoothly
- Participating in General Service Conference Inventory - responses to 19 inventory questions due March 15
- Reviewed French translation of the Service Manual

# Updates from the General Service Office

- Cooperation with the Professional Community Desk Activity Update
  - Request from GSO: “Shared experience on how we inform professionals who serve neurodivergent and unhoused alcoholics.” Deadline for submission is July 1, 2025
  - About A.A.: A Newsletter for Professionals Fall 2024 Issue
    - Helpful for anyone interested in CPC work / sharing with professionals
- December AAWS Highlights: Business of the Board
  - Language Services Department received 2,101 requests for translation between January 1 and October 15, 2024
  - Archives Department received over 5,400 research requests last year and acquired a rare 1951 wire recording of Bill W., which is being digitized
  - Finance Department processed 4,879 contributions in November 2024 (\$700,720)
  - Member Services team reconnected with 623 trusted servants; responded to 11,500 emails; handled 8,300 calls; processed 18,700 pieces of mail; and fulfilled 13,025 literature orders

# Updates from the General Service Office

- December AAWS Highlights, cont.
  - Staff Services Department participated in 2024 Day of Sharing with 14 other 12 Step Fellowships; hosted the World Service Meeting with 74 delegates from 49 countries
- Call for A.A. [members fluent in Haitian Kreyòl](#) to review Big Book translation (deadline: February 18)
- **GSO Service Opportunity:** Appointed Committee Member on Trustee's Literature Committee
  - Purpose: to lead a working group to develop "a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian American alcoholic" and "a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic"
  - 5 years of sobriety, comfortable with technology, experience in A.A. service and in carrying the message to Asian/Asian American or transgender alcoholics
  - Deadline: April 15. Email [literature@aa.org](mailto:literature@aa.org) if interested

# 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 and additional information available at [www.area55aa.org/ohio-state-convention](http://www.area55aa.org/ohio-state-convention)
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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)**
- Final planning meeting: March 1, 10am, Central Office
  - Selection of General Service Conference agenda items for inclusion at Mini Conference
- Updates from our GSO Public Information staff member (Misha Q.) and East Central Region Trustee (Cathi C.)
- Committee Chairs:
  - Will be emailed selected Agenda Items and background materials in early March
  - Test run through of committee procedures will be held Wednesday, March 19, 5:30 - 6:30pm at Central Office
  - Chairing Mini Conference committee breakouts starting at 9:15am on March 22
  - Committee outreach table



# Technology Training

- Saturday, February 1, 2025
- Creation of @area55aa.org accounts
- Review of Google Drive, Docs, Calendar, and more
- Lots of positive feedback



# Broad Highway Area Outreach Trips

Event details can be found at  
[area55aa.org/calendar](http://area55aa.org/calendar)

**Sunday March 9th-  
District 10**

Sunday Morning Wake-up  
United Way/ Pangle Building  
616 South Collett Street  
Lima, OH 45805  
10- 11am

*Lunch at 11:20*

Lima Noon Thirty  
LACNIP Community Center  
1440 West Spring Street  
Lima, OH 45805  
12:30- 1:30pm

**Saturday April 5th-  
Districts 5, 12, and 13**

*Fostoria Saturday Big Book  
Dry Haven  
217 West Center Street  
Fostoria, OH 44830  
10:30- 11:30*

Good News Group  
Bay Park Hospital  
2801 Bay Park Drive  
Oregon, OH 43616  
2- 3pm

*Dinner at 3:30/4 and maybe coffee :)*

Woodville As Bill Sees It  
Woodville United Methodist Church  
201 West 1st Street  
7- 8pm



# 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?
- What information would you like to hear from our Trustee at the Mini 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 meeting March 1 at 10am, Central Office
- Share information from this report at your next group conscience
- Mini Conference + State Convention = lots of ways to dive in
- Register for the Mini Conference, March 21 + 22 at [area55aa.org/mini-conference](https://area55aa.org/mini-conference)
- Register for the Ohio State Convention at [area55aa.org/ohio-state-convention](https://area55aa.org/ohio-state-convention)

# 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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