



Area 55 Delegate Report

May 18, 2025
General Service Assembly



Panel Officer Happenings

- “Working Together, Increasing Trust”

Delegate Debrief

- Before GSC:
 - Virtual 1728 Meeting for Conference members
 - Virtual Remote Communities meeting for Conference Members
 - Delegates only virtual meeting
- GSC
- After GSC:
 - Ohio state-wide convention meeting last weekend
 - OSC planning meeting yesterday

Updates from the General Service Office: IC 2025

[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/EN_IC25 Chit Chat 12.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/EN_IC25_Chit_Chat_12.pdf) →

[A.A.'s International Convention Press Release](#)

[International Convention Advance Program](#)

[Sign-up to volunteer!](#)

49 DAYS
(AS OF

5/14/2025)

TO THE 2025
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION!



IC25 Chit-Chat



There is still time to register and attend A.A.'s 90th Anniversary Celebration!

While our Official Housing Block has closed, registration is still open and you don't need to have accommodations from our Official Housing Block to attend. Check out our [housing resources flyer](#) for ways to book your stay during the convention.

What to expect?

Can't make it to Vancouver? This year, we are offering a Virtual program track for those at home. These 8 sessions, including topics such as, "Unity: The Most Cherished Quality," and "Online Meetings, Are We Hiding Behind Our Screens?," will be live-streamed as they take place and will not be available for purchase after the Convention. Want to watch with a group? You can purchase a [group viewing option with discounted rates](#), as well as an [individual registration](#).

Convention tales:

I have been wanting to attend an International Convention since I joined the fellowship in 1994. I was so excited to be signed up for 2020, and - well - we all know what happened there! So this time, I have all of my travel plans made, passport, registration and all! So excited to be able to attend and bask in the sunlight of the spirit with all who are able to attend!

Do you have a story?

Share it with the 2025 International Convention desk by emailing 2025ic@aa.org.

[AA.org/international-convention](https://www.aa.org/international-convention)

Updates from the General Service Office - IC 2025

Will there be virtual sessions or post-convention video products for those who are unable to attend in-person?

You can use the Online Registration or Print Registration Form to:

- Register for a **Virtual Session Program Track**. This is a **two-day 8 session** virtual program track. The sessions will be live streamed as they are taking place and will not be available for purchase after the Convention. **Cost is \$35 (USD)**.
- Purchase the 2025 International Convention **Three Big Meetings Video Product**. It will be an anonymity-protected video recording available for viewing after the Convention is over. **Cost is \$60 (USD)**

Updates from the General Service Office: IC 2025

- **International Convention Group Viewing Parties:**
 - A Group and Information Gathering Watch party coordinator must register and pay a 2025 IC Virtual Program Session Track registration fee based on a tiered number of watch party attendees as follows:
 - 1. 6-20 attendees = \$200.00 (USD)
 - 2. 21-30 attendees = \$300.00 (USD)
 - 3. 31-40 attendees = \$400.00 (USD)
 - 4. 41-50 attendees = \$500.00 (USD)
- **Service Committee Watch Party Viewing Registration**
- The General Service Board approved the Service Committee “carry the message tool” purchase of the 2025 IC Virtual Program Session Track.
 - 1. A Service Committee Chairperson Watch party coordinator must pay one \$35.00 (USD) registration fee to attend the Virtual Program Session Track.
 - Please use the following link to register for the Service Committee “Watch party” viewing option:
 - [Service Committee Watch Party Viewing Registration](#)
 - 2. The coordinator will need to work out the viewing details with the management of each facility for those who are unable to attend because of incarceration or a lockdown in-patient treatment setting.

Non-Trustee Director Vacancy Application

- A Nontrustee Director is a trusted servant selected by the General Service Board to serve on one of A.A.'s two corporate boards:
 - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service (AAWS) Corporate Board has 9 directors
 - 2 General Service Trustees
 - 2 Regional Trustees
 - **3 Nontrustee Directors**
 - 1 Staff Coordinator (General Service Office staff position)
 - 1 General Manager, General Service Office (staff position)
 - AA Grapevine, Inc. also has 9 directors on its board:
 - 2 General Service Trustees
 - 2 Regional Trustees
 - 1 Class A Trustee (Non-Alcoholic)
 - **3 Nontrustee Directors**
 - 1 Publisher
- Nontrustee directors are eligible to be selected as General Service Trustees following their terms of service
- See page 67 in your Service Manual, as well and Concept VIII, for more information

Non-Trustee Director Vacancy Application

Basic qualifications for this position are: a minimum of seven years of continuous sobriety; a sound business or professional background preferably in, but not limited to, the following areas - finance, management, publishing, legal, communication, or information technology; and the ability to work with others. We are also seeking strength in organizational management, strategic planning, customer engagement, or non-profit board experience.

Directors must be available to attend all regular meetings of the AAWS Board (currently, up to eight per year), three weekend meetings of trustees' committees (to which corporate board directors are appointed) and the General Service Conference, for one week in April. In addition, directors may be called upon to attend subcommittee or other meetings and to represent AAWS at Regional Forums or other A.A. functions.

Interested members can apply [here](#). Term would begin following the 2026 General Service Conference

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

- Theme: Attraction By Action
- Planning meetings are moving to bi-weekly until the convention. Next meeting tentatively May 31, 10:30am, Central Office (pending confirmation)

Broad Highway

Area Outreach Trips

Event details can be found at

area55aa.org/calendar

Broad Highway



Saturday June 14th
District 6

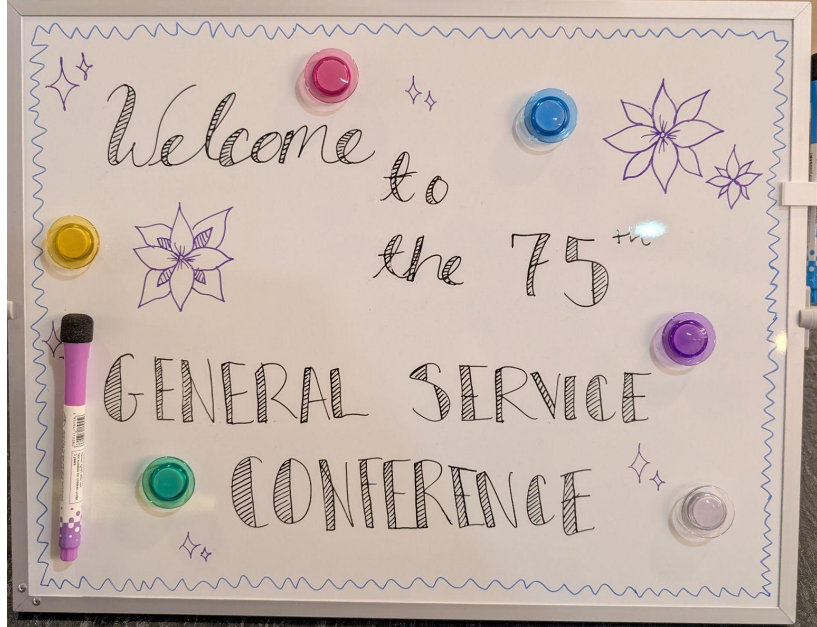
Monroe First Things Firsts
Promedica Monroe Reginal
718 North Macomb St.
Monroe, MI 48161
10:00-11:00am

Monroe Primary Purpose
Trinity Episcopal Church
304 South Monroe St.
Monroe, MI 48161
11:30- 12:30pm
(Big Book meeting, closed)

LUNCH :)



Join Us!



Welcome to the 75th

GENERAL SERVICE
CONFERENCE



2024 Annual Conference
JOYCE
Executive Director, Regional
Training

2024 Annual Conference
JOSH DA VERA
AREA 21 - NORTHWEST OHIO
Panelist

General Overview - Business

- Meet and Greet - exchange of “trinkets”
- Conference Inventory
- Area Highlights
- Committee Work - Report and Charter
- Reports: AAWS Board, Grapevine Board, International Assignment, International Convention, World Service Meeting
- Trustee Elections: East Central Region, Southeast Region, Trustee At-Large U.S.
- Tension before and during the Conference: How the Conference Operates, Letters from some delegates, Floor Action
- Conference Agenda
- Floor Actions

General Overview - My Experience + Purpose of the General Service Conference

Future Reports

- Condensed verbal report will be given at Unity Day
- Full delegate's report with links to vote tracking, Advisory Actions, written conference reports, and more will be presented at the June Assembly

75th ANNUAL General Service Conference

2:00

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Where to find these reports?

- Delegate reports will be uploaded to 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

Respectfully submitted,

Josh D., Delegate Area 55 Panel 74