

Happy Joyous & Free

Area 48 Newsletter

July 2024

Welcome to July! We are in the thick of summer, great days for being outside in nature, connecting with friends and family. Wild flowers are everywhere! I try to live outdoors as much as I can, biking, hiking, fishing, gardening and generally soaking up the season. I hope you are thoroughly enjoying each and every day, as much as possible. We have been given a gift that allows us to live these moments deeply, I am forever grateful for our program of recovery so freely given to us!

As usual, check out the flyers for upcoming events happening in our Area. Lots going on!

For Committee Chairs, don't forget the New York State Informational Workshop at the end of July, see the flyer. You still have time to register, I will see you there!

We have several important proposals included in this newsletter (p7-9) and will remain in the newsletter until the Fall Voting Assembly. Please read and take back and discuss with your groups to come up with a group conscience, your GSR's will be asked to vote on these proposals. This is how the fellowship exercises its collective voice. Let your voice be heard!

In case you haven't heard yet, The Plain Language Big Book will be forthcoming, hopefully before the year ends. I will leave this here for another month so you can read all about it without any misinformation. Check out PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK (PLBB) FAQs, all you need to know about this development., on p.21.

Love and Service,

Allen V.

newsletter@nenyaa.org

CHAIR REPORTS

Get the latest news on what's happening from your Area Committee Chairs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out all the flyers inside for upcoming events

PRINCIPLES OF THE MONTH

Be the First to Put Out Your Hand

UPCOMING EVENTS



Welcome to Area 48 NENY



NYSIW July 26-28 Geneva, NY



Fellowship Day
Sept 22
HudsonValley Cluster(D7)
RosendaleRec Center 1055
Route 32,
Rosendale, NY

Principles of the Month | July

Step 7. “Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

Tradition 7. “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”.

Tradition #7 Checklist [\[from SMF-131, Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine\]](#):

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities.

Concept #7 The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Concept #7 Checklist [\[from SMF-91, Concepts Checklist\]](#):

1. Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
2. Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility”? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

In Area 48 NENY, all our events are Hybrid, so all members can participate, be represented and have a voice in our service structure.

Delegate Report

Happy summer all, hope you're able to get to some of the many sober events happening in the Area! At the end of the month I will be heading over to Area 47 for the New York State Informational Workshop. I am pleased to say many of our trusted servants will be joining me. Next year we will be hosting this event.

Another event next year is the 2025 NERAASA which will be online only. I just received a request for online topic presenters from our Area for this event. If you want to be or have questions please contact me.

I will be continuing the Delegates connection starting in September as per a group conscience at the last meeting.

Some highlights of recent happenings are included in the newsletter and our website.

As always thank you for this opportunity to serve AA and you.
Yours in Service

A48 Delegate P74 Agenda
Guy K
panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

Accessibility Report

Hi everyone,
This past month (June) we met on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

We meet every 2nd Thursday join us and. Give us your input. ID822 5687 7420. PW 353180 at 6pm est..

We are successfully getting into treatment centers, nursing homes and homeless programs for alcohol and addiction.

We are in the process of putting together a questionnaire for all to fill out.

Let us know what your accessibility needs are.

You can reach me
at accessibility@nenyaa.org
Thank you

Chrissy O

Chair/Alternate Delegate Report

Well, June flew by and here we are heading into what I hope is a wonderful, sober and relaxing summer. I've been retired from the educational field since 2005 and "summer vacation" is still my favorite time of year. Of course, every time of year is excellent when one is retired!

Thank you to the Western cluster Districts 9,12 and 20 for hosting this year's Joy of Service Day. There were two panels, a speaker and a very funny skit, all relating to the benefits of fulfilling our Third Legacy-service. Attendance was very light, but those of us in attendance, I thought it was well worth the trip to Whitesboro.

Listening to those who shared their experience, strength and hope at JoS Day caused me to reflect on this whole idea of service and commitment. Whatever happened to the idea that was shared with me Day One of "You never say 'No' to AA?" Is that now an obsolete idea? Have I forgotten to share that with the women I sponsor? Is my life so very busy that AA is way down on the priority list? What am I actually doing for AA? Or am I still asking AA just to do for me? Do I only offer to do the convenient stuff? Do I only offer to take the positions I enjoy and are the most fun? Do I tell and encourage others to come to area events with me? Do I invite people to "get in the car" and talk service on the way to and from events? Do I do the minimum when I take a position, or do I do my best to do my best?

Sometimes I feel it's crazy to be asking these questions at area events because the participants are those who are present and are interested in service or already doing service below the group level. Then I remember-WE are the messengers. WE are the ambassadors for the Joy of Service. If we can't spread that joy, that sense of responsibility to those AAs who have not experienced what we experience.... Who will do it? Who will carry on the message of AA, not to those who have already found it- but to those who haven't. That is our charge.... Bring another member or two or three to our next Fellowship Day. Invite a few people to the NENY Convention in Albany, November 1-3. You have discovered the joy-now share it!

By the way, here's a shout-out to your trusted servants who are still working for you and AA even while the formal Area 48 events are on a summer hiatus. As of today, all but one of your service committee chairs will be attending the NYSIW at the end of July. The Informational Workshop is a 2.5 day event held this year at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. The purpose of the New York State Informational Workshop is to share information about our Area Committee work with our area counterparts across the state. GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, Committee Chairs, Area Chairs, and Delegates from Areas 47, 48, 49, and 50 come together for a weekend of panels, presentations, meetings and fellowship. Not to brag, but Area 48 NENY has the highest participation rate of all NYS. Clearly, the trusted servants of Area 48 have learned that one never says "No" to AA. I am so grateful to be of service to them and to Area 48.

I hope to see you at Fellowship Day Sunday 9/22 in Rosendale and even more of you at the very important Fall Voting Assembly in October.

Thank you for the joys of service and fellowship,
Dolores K nenychair@nenyaa.org

This Day In AA History

July 2

1965 - Best of Bill and Pocket-Sized 12 and 12 1st sold

July 2-3:

1955 - Bill W turns "the fellowship over to the fellowship" at 4:00 PM, 5000 attend 20th Anniversary at our St Louis Convention

July 3-5:

1970 - 10,900 attend 35th Anniversary of AA in Miami. Bill W gave his last talk to AA

July 3-6:

1980 - Gay AA's have own program at 40th AA Anniversary in New Orleans

July 14:

1939 - Blythewood Sanitarium Dr Harry Tiebout gives Big Book to Marty M. who promptly throws it back at him

July 28-30:

1950 - 1st AA Convention celebrates 15th anniversary of AA in Cleveland

Inclusivity Report

The inclusivity committee meets the third Thursday of every month @ 6:30 (meeting info on the area calendar)

All are welcome to attend and learn exactly what our committee is about.

Andy P. inclusivity@nenyaa.org

Secretary Report

Greetings Area 48 -

Please find the link to the unapproved minutes from the Area 48 Joy of Service Day on June 15, 2024.

Thank you to all who were able to attend in person and online and to the Western cluster for hosting the event!

Please let me know if you have any questions or corrections.

In service,

Dana W.

Area 48 Secretary

secretary@nenyaa.org

Area minutes can be found at <https://nenyaa.org/area-secretary/> , on our website. If you need a hard copy of the minutes, please let me know.

Editor Newsletter@nenyaa.org

Alt Chair Report

Thank you to the following DCMs for attending the June 2024 Functions Committee: Districts 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20. And, thank you to the following Alternate DCMs for attending: Districts 5 and 20. Thank you to Marcy, DCM for District 16, for giving us an overview of Concept 6.

Although we missed some of our DCMs and Alt DCMs at the meeting, our group had lively discussions and shared info about what is going on in each district. For the second month in a row - we welcomed a new DCM – Heather T., District 15. Heather is not new to service in Alcoholics Anonymous and we are thrilled to have her be a member of the Functions Committee. She is jumping right in and helping with the Fellowship Day in the Hudson Valley Cluster.

All DCMs were asked to encourage their GSRs to register on the Area Website/ GSO.

They were also reminded to forward the 2025 Area Budget to their GSRs.

There is a “Clearance Sale” at aa.org – a couple of pamphlets and a video. The sale is from July 1 through September 30. In addition, the group was informed about the Member Engagement Survey-2025 – from the AA International Convention. All were asked to participate in the survey.

The Hudson Valley Cluster, being led by District 7, has finalized their plans for our Fellowship Day on Sunday, September 22, being held at the Rosendale Rec Center in Rosendale, NY. They are working on the agenda and it sure looks like it’s going to be a great program.

The Adirondack Cluster is getting ready for its famous Grillin’ and Chillin’ Voting Assembly being held on Saturday, October 19 th in Plattsburgh. Unlike our previous Voting Assembly, we will have some Proposals to vote on at this event. Check out their flyer in the Newsletter. Thank you to District 10 for taking the lead on the event.

If you want to join the DCMs/Functions Committee, we would love to have you! We meet on the 3 rd Sunday of the month at 6 pm. [Meeting ID: 952 7302 1180](#) [Passcode: DCMfun](#)

(I am always on the meeting at least 15 minutes early so if you want to chat, please join me.)

Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

Cathy P.
Area 48 Alt. Area Chair/Functions
Committee Chair
altnenychair@nenyaa.org

Please read the following 2 Proposals!

#1 Proposal – Fund the Functions Committee Chair/Alternate Area Chair (FCC/AAC) to attend the New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW) each year.

Background: The Functions Committee Chair/Alternate Area Chair (FCC/AAC) is not and has not been funded to attend the New York State Informational Workshop (except when Area 48 is hosting.)

Information:

#1. The FCC/AAC is responsible for hosting the NYSIW and yet is not funded to attend the event in the previous years. The NYSIW rotates through the four Areas in New York State every year. (Area 47, 48, 49, 50) This rotation is a guideline, but can be adjusted.

#2. The FCC/AAC is responsible to take over the duties of the Area 48 Chair if need be. As the Alternate Chair, the FCC/AAC should be attending any and all Area events that the Area 48 Chair does.

What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

The Functions Committee Chair/Alternate Area Chair will be funded to attend the NYSIW each year.

What are the changes in the Area 48 Service Manual that will need to be made if this proposed item is approved?

Page 43 of the current Area 48 Service Manual, Event Participation and Funding would include funding for the FCC/AAC to attend the NYSIW. The 2025 Budget and future budgets would include the funding for the FCC/ACC to attend the NYSIW.

What are the monetary outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

Increase the Budget by \$550 for the FCC/AAC to attend the NYSIW each year. (Note: this is the allotment in our current budget for 2024.)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy P.

NENY Area 48 Alt. Chair/Functions Committee Chair

#2 Proposal: To accept the [updated Area 48 service manual](#).

The updates include adding in all previously approved proposals since February 2022 (e.g., the addition of the Hybrid and Inclusivity Chairs, the updates to the Grapevine/La Viña section, etc.) and reformatting to make it easier to use (a clickable Table of Contents, consistent terminology throughout the document, and proofreading).

#3 Proposal: To accept the following additional changes to the Area 48 service manual:

- Update *Section 4.0 The Area Committee* to clarify which positions are appointed by the Area Chair and which can be refilled for a second two-year term.
- Update *7.4 Suggested Guidelines for Hosting Area Events* to include the suggestion to confirm WiFi capabilities at any facility chosen for an Area Event.

Amend section 4.0 for clarification and to match the actual position descriptions in this manual. (No changes are being made to the position descriptions themselves; the only update is to this list.)

4.0 The Area Committee

Filling Area Service Committee Positions

Each chairperson shall be elected by their respective service committee at the Area Election Assembly in September for a two-year term starting on January 1. When a service committee is not able to elect a chairperson, the Area Chairperson shall appoint a chairperson.

The District Committees shall elect/appoint the members of a service committee, one per District.

Each committee chair is expected to attend the New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW), the Northeast Regional Forum

(NERF), and the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA).

~~The positions of Archivist, Newsletter Editor, Registrar, and Alternate Treasurer will be appointed for a period of two years by the Area Chairperson and can be refilled by appointment at the end of the two-year term.~~

~~The term of the Area Archivist and Technology Chair will be for a period of two years, commencing January 1. The positions are filled by the Area Chair.~~

The Area Chairperson will appoint the following positions for a two-year term: Archivist, Alternate Registrar, Alternate Treasurer, Hybrid Chair, Newsletter Editor, Registrar, and Technology Chair. At the end of the two-year term, these positions can be refilled by appointment.

Add a section ("B. Wifi") to section 7.4 concerning WiFi, since all Area events are now hybrid.

7.4 Suggested Guidelines for Hosting Area Events

- A. WiFi - The facility should have adequate WiFi to support the hybrid meeting. If sufficient WiFi is not available through the facility, the Hybrid Chair should be made aware at least a month prior so that other accommodations can be made.

If you have questions on either proposal, please contact Dana W. at secretary@nenyaa.org

Bridging The Gap Report

Exciting news! The BTG webpage (<https://nenyaa.org/btg/>) has been updated!! We have the electronic request (jotform) for both treatment and correctional facilities, as well as a brand new electronic form for people who want to serve as a volunteer! We also have links to all the forms for downloading and printing. They've been updated to reflect our new Area name and tweaked based on input from committee members. Please head over to nenyaa.org/btg and check it out!

Our committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month with the Treatment Committee at 7:00 pm on the Zoom platform.

Meeting ID: 861 6963 8196 Passcode: 741803

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86169638196?pwd=NXk1cWkvby93ZzEyRzVuZVNwdVY3dz09>

Special thanks to our webmaster, Bobby, for the redesign and new form.

If you forget, it's also on the area website under Meetings, Area 48 Virtual Meeting Calendar.

Sue W.
btg@nenyaa.org
Bridging The Gap Chair
Area 48 • Northeast New York

74th-General Service Conference-Delegate-Report-back:

<https://nenyaa.org/74th-general-service-conference-delegate-report->

Corrections Report

Hi my name is Theresa M and I am the new Corrections Chair for Area 48. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. [The ID is 867 1213 3948. And the Password is: A48Correct](#)

Corrections committee is working on a corrections workshop that will take place on October 5 th 2024, at Saratoga United Methodist Church 175 5th Ave Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

All are invited and welcome to get information on what Corrections's Is doing now in area 48. Food and fellowship included.

Theresa M.
A48 Corrections Chair corrections@nenyaa.org

Technology Report

Attention all district webmasters please join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm for the Technology Committee Meeting. It is a great opportunity to get any questions answered, in addition to helping guide Area 48 into our technological future. As a committee, we are working on revamping a few of the websites. If your group is interested in becoming hybrid we can offer our guidance.

Finally, if anyone is having issues with their area emails please let us know by emailing webmaster@nenyaa.org

Yours in Service,
Bobby H
Technology Chair/Webmaster

[Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872](#)
[Passcode: Techteam48](#)

Public Information Report

My name is Amy M and I have been elected and begun serving as the new Area48 Public Information Chairperson.

My most recent service position was as DCM of District 10 which comprises Plattsburgh, Elizabethtown, and Saranac Lake NY. I am humbled and very grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity at Area.

We currently only have a few people serving as either a CPC Chair or a PI Chair throughout Area 48. The lack of people in service greatly hinders our ability to carry the message that is so desperately needed in this Area. If you are a DCM or Alternate DCM I would encourage you to contact me so that we can discuss ways I could be of service in your districts with regards to public information, whether that is distributing PI Cards or other pamphlets to organizations in your community or being available to speak at health and community fairs.

I would like to extend an invitation to all those serving with Public Information (PI) or Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) throughout our area to attend our monthly PI/CPC zoom call which is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. All AA members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

This is a place for us to share ideas and to help each other in carrying the message of our AA program to the public (media, schools, organizations,etc)

PI/CPC Zoom Call Meeting ID 868 7177 3923 Passcode: 080625 [Click Here](#)

My contact information is PI@nenyaa.org. If you have any questions or ideas to share please feel free to reach out to me!

Yours in service
Amy M
Area 48 PI Chair

Literature Report

Book Nerds Welcome!!! Come read Literature with me!!

**Last Chance!!!
Celebration of The Big Book Flash Sale!!
85 Year Anniversary!!!!
Ends July 31, 2024**

In Commemoration of the 85th anniversary of our life-saving text,
Alcoholics Anonymous, we are delighted to announce our special duo of
Big Book discounts:

10% off all Book Books, all print formats, all languages!
Special Discounted Price: \$3.00 for Alcoholics Anonymous
Facsimile First Printing of the First Edition (Item B-0)

Clearance Sale!
July 1 – September 30, 2024

These four pamphlets that we have in inventory will be made available at the **Special discount price of 25 cents each, while quantities last:**

- **“What Happened to Joe...and His Drinking Problem” (Item P-38)**
- **“Jean...face à son problème d’alcool” (Item – FP-38)**
- **“It Happened to Alice: How She Faced a Drinking Problem” (Item P-39)**
- **“L’histoire de Nicole” (Item FP-39)**

Also, three videos that we have in inventory in DVD format will be available in this **Clearance Sale** at the **Special discount price of \$4 each, while quantities last:**

- ***Carrying the Message Behind These Walls* (Item DV-06)**
- ***La transmission du message derrière ces murs* (Item FDV-06)**
- ***Llevando el mensaje detrás de los muros* (Item SDV-06)**

Upcoming in 2024!!! - The new 2024 Publishing Catalogue featuring dozens of General Conference approved items of A.A. literature and new formats and other materials. First online, and then in print format, completely redesigned and refreshed since the last Publishing Catalogue in 2020, this version will be the comprehensive updated listing of all available A.A. publications. The new price lists were updated effective 5/1/2024.

*****Come join The Grapevine/La Vina-Literature Monthly Committee meeting to stay up to date with all the newest information, get your questions answered and fellowship with other members of AA. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm.*****

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84064855953?pwd=Lzl2ZUxFaU9qQndTZmpQaU83Q2RQUT09> Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953 Passcode: 394275

Feel free to email if you have any questions or need any help with literature at literature@nenyaa.org

Yours in Service

Lindsey B
literature@nenyaa.org

Here is a [link](#) to the latest AAWS Highlights, from March 2024.

Grapevine Report

Happy Summer!!!!

DCMs... Since becoming a Grapevine rep, I realized there is often confusion of what Grapevine is or isn't, and what is Grapevine and what is Literature. Our literature chair, Lindsey, and I are available to come to your meeting, or attend virtually, if possible, to discuss what Grapevine and Literature have to offer.

If your Group or District is having an event, and would like Grapevine to have a table set up, contact me at grapevine@nenyaa.org.

Did you know the Grapevine has a weekly podcast? It's available on all music streaming apps or at aagrapevine.org/podcast

To sign up for the Grapevine Daily Quote and our monthly newsletter, visit aagrapevine.org or aalavina.org.

Find us on Youtube at the AA Grapevine Channel

Grapevine: Current Issue Spotlight:

This month is our "Annual Prison Issue." Members from inside and outside share powerful stories about getting and staying sober in prison.

Submit Your Story! Upcoming Topics...

Long-time Members — Let's hear from our oldtimers! What was AA like when you came in? What have you learned over the years? What have been your challenges and joys? (Stories due July 15, 2024)

LGBTQ+ AA Stories — Are you lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or transgender?

Share about your journey in AA. What are your challenges and joys? What things have helped you get sober? Share about your meetings, sponsorship, service, and fellowship. (Stories due August 15, 2024)

Making Amends — Did you have an interesting Ninth Step experience to share? How did it go? Were there any surprises? Share your experience. (Stories due September 15, 2024)

Living Sober Turns 50! — Share a story about how this remarkable AA book helped you. (Stories due September 15, 2024)

More upcoming topics: Atheists/Agnostics in AA, What AA Is Like in Other Countries, Technology in AA and Gratitude.

Important: We're looking for your experience with each Step and each Tradition! (Pick a particular Step or Tradition and share your experience!) We run one every month! We also need your jokes!

La Viña: Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Special Section is Prisons (Prisiones.)

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

September/October — Making Amends (Reparaciones)

November/December — Parties in Sobriety (Las fiestas en sobriedad)

We are always looking for stories about individual steps and traditions!

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La Viña Workshop

Join us for our next Workshop on Tuesday, June 27, 2024, at 3 pm EST to learn more about Grapevine and La Viña. We invite you to be a part of our La Viña Community! Meeting ID: 815 9593 1777

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Call La Viña Customer Service (Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. EST.)

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Yours in service,
Michelle M.

grapevine@nenyaa.org

Treasurer Report

The 2025 Area Budget Draft, prepared by the Finance Committee, was presented at the Voting Assembly on May 18, 2024. It will be available on our website, NENYAA.Org, and in the NENY Newsletter until it is presented for approval at the October Assembly. If any members have questions or concerns during this period, please send them to Dave F., the Finance Committee Chair at Alt.Treasure.Org.

NENY Area 48 2025 Proposed Budget

Amounts allocated are the maximum allowable expenditures for each category. Actual expenditures must be reported in writing and documented with receipts. Reports are due by April 15th, July 15th, October 15th and December 15th. The Finance Committee must review all reports past due before any payments are made. Allocated monies are disbursed when requested, and only when an accounting of the previous allocation has been made. Eligible expenses include mileage at \$0.45 per mile, tolls, postage, supplies, telephone, printing, copies and other. Receipts and mileage details are required.

The funding for different events is based on a two-night hotel stay, registration, tolls and mileage to the 2024 event and estimated costs for the 2025 event. This approach aims to align the budget with actual expenses and to ensure equal opportunities for everyone wishing to serve in NENY Area 48. The funding is specific to each event and cannot be used for any other event. Participants living within a 25-mile radius of the event will not be reimbursed for hotel costs unless special accommodations are necessary. **Funded members are encouraged to share expenses whenever possible.**

(A) Expenses:	Position Total	Expense Allocation	NERAASA Online Feb 2025	NERF Rhode Island (Held in Odd Years)	NYSIW Area 48 Host August 2025 (d)	NENY Convention Central Cluster 2025
Area Officer Allocations:						
Area Delegate	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Event costs are included in allocation			
Area Chairperson	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	Event costs are included in allocation			
Alternate Area Chairperson	\$ 2,235	\$ 700	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Secretary	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Treasurer	\$ 2,735	\$ 1,200	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Registrar/Alt. Secretary	\$ 2,335	\$ 800	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Alt Treasurer/Finance Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Alternate Registrar	\$ 400	\$ 400				
Committee Chair Allocations:						
Accessibilities Committee Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Archivist	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Bridging-the-Gap (BTG) Committee Chair	\$ 2,135	\$ 600	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Cooperation w/Professional Comm. (CPC) Committee Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Corrections Committee Chair	\$ 2,135	\$ 600	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Grapevine/LaVina Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Hybrid Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Inclusivity Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Literature Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Newsletter Editor	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Public Information (PI) Committee Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Technology Committee Chair	\$ 2,035	\$ 500	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Treatment Committee Chair	\$ 2,135	\$ 600	\$ 35	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 550
Other Position Allocations:						
Finance Committee Past DCM	\$ 500	\$ 500	-	-	-	-
Finance Committee Past Delegate	\$ 500	\$ 500	-	-	-	-
NENY Convention Chair	\$ 400	\$ 400	-	-	-	-
Travel expenses to Area Events (see note c)	\$ 850	\$ 850	-	-	-	-
Sub-Totals (A)	\$ 49,780	\$ 22,150	\$ 630	\$ 9,900	\$ 7,200	\$ 9,900
(B) Other Expenses:						
GSO Conference Contribution	\$ 3,400	\$2200 plus additional contribution of \$1200				
Area Events:						
Area Inventory Day (even years)	\$ -	Allocations to clusters for Area functions will be \$750. Amount allocated should be sufficient to cover event costs-- if clusters need assistance staying within budget, they should contact the Alternate Area Chair and/or seek guidance from experienced members. The reimbursement of expenses exceeding the allocated amount will be considered by the Finance Committee if requested. Any 7th Tradition contributions collected in excess of the expenses shall be returned to the Area. There are two Area Assemblies in even-numbered years (May and October). There are three Area Assemblies in odd-number years including the Area Election Assembly held in September.				
Day of Sharing/Delegates Day	\$ 750					
Area Assemblies (2 in even years, 3 in odd years)	\$ 2,250					
Fellowship Days (2)	\$ 1,500					
Joy of Service Day	\$ 750					
Orientation Day	\$ 750					
Newsletter Postage	\$ 700					
Newsletter Printing	\$ 2,200					
Archive Storage Fees	\$ 1,100					
Literature:						
NENY Service Manual Updates	\$ 200	For printing of manuals and distribution to Area members (also on the website)				
Service Literature for Area Officers/Committees	\$ 1,000	Area Chair responsible for this budget line				
NENY A48 Tri-fold Pamphlets (printing and postage)	\$ 2,500					

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NENY Area 48 2025 Proposed Budget

Seed Money:		
NENY Convention 2026 (Seed Money)	\$ 2,500	2026 NENY Convention Host Committee
NYSIW (Seed Money)	\$ 2,500	
Other Event Allocations:		
5th Tradition Workshops (2)	\$ 700	For two workshops (old corrections connection)
Area Funded Scholarships	\$ 2,500	Scholarships will be awarded by lottery in each of the five clusters at \$500 each.
Administrative Expenses:		
Mail Box Service	\$ 500	
Insurance Costs	\$ 850	General liability policy, events, storage unit
Technology Expenses:		
Computer Maintenance	\$ 600	Contingency for operational needs; misc., RAM purchases and replacement of one PC.
Computer/Hybrid Equipment Purchase	\$ 300	Contingency for unknown operational needs
iDrive Software	\$ 100	Annual Subscription/Drive backup software
AirTable Software	\$ 1,550	Database used by Area and District Registrars for managing group updates.
JotForm Software	\$ 350	Data collection software (Convention registration, expense submission, group/meeting updates). Current Exp = \$26/Mo.
Digital Ocean	\$ 95	Communications between AirTable and WordPress. Expense based on use. Current Exp = \$6/Mo.
Siteground (Website hosting, WordPress)	\$ 250	Area 48 Website Hosting Service - Base Subscription prepaid through 12/25; however, various auxiliary services (Domain Name, Domain Privacy, Site Scanner) are incurred throughout the year
Malware Software	\$ 200	Annual Subscription estimate for providing malware software for five PCs @ \$40 ea.
Virtual online meeting software (e.g. Zoom)	\$ 300	To facilitate online meetings for Area 48. Includes the annual cost of Zoom (\$160) & Mobil Beacon (\$120)
Finance Expenses:		
Quickbooks Software	\$ 100	Accounting Software/Annual subscription
Tax Preparation	\$ 1,100	Includes \$25 annual NYS filing fee for non-profit status. Budget based on actual 2024 exp.
Bank Fees	\$ 250	Check printing, bounced check fees, etc. Increased by \$50 over 2024
PayPal Fees	\$ 100	
Prior Year Expenses	\$ 500	Same budget amount since 2018
Sub-Total (B)	\$ 32,445	

Total Expenses (A+B): \$ 82,225

Income:

NENY 2024 Convention Seed Money Return	\$ 2,500	Seed Money Return in 2025
Projected Group Contributions	\$ 54,725	Calculated: Total Exp Budget - Seed Money Return - Estimated Checkbook Carryover
Estimated Checkbook Carryover on 1/1/25	\$ 25,000	Same budget amount since 2021
Total Income Needed:	\$ 82,225	

Misc. Information:

Prudent Reserve	\$ 7,000
Mileage Rate	\$ 0.45

Notes:

- a. Additional items may be funded at the discretion of the NENY Finance Committee.
- b. 50% Contribution to GSO of any Surplus Funds over \$20,000 upon year end numbers (Approved Oct 2019 Assembly)
- c. Reimbursement for travel expenses to Area Events for AA members asked by the Area Chair or Delegate to take on a role at an Area event, but who are not eligible for reimbursement through other AA means. (Approved at May 2020 Assembly). Also includes travel expenses incurred by the Audit Committee.
- d. When Area 48 hosts the NYSIW, all Area 48 service positions are funded.

FYI

Prior Approved Budgets

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2018
Allocations	51,800	50,950	44,750	32,350	32,850
Other Expenses	30,135	31,126	33,537	33,745	24,080
Total Expenses	\$81,935	\$82,076	\$78,287	\$66,095	\$56,930

“Please make all contribution checks or money orders payable to NENY Area Association.”

NENY Area 48 Monthly Treasury Report April 2024 - Approved	
Beginning Balance	\$12,342.11
Income	
Area Contributions	
District	\$400.00
Group	\$3,676.65
Delegate's Day 7th Tradition	\$182.00
Total Income	\$4,258.65
Expense	
Secretary	\$51.75
Grapevine/LaVina Chair	\$94.50
Literature Chair	\$159.30
NERAASA	\$665.41
PI Chair Advance - NYSIW	\$550.00
Delegate's Day of Sharing	\$636.86
Archive Storage Fees	\$90.00
JotForm	\$26.46
AirTable	\$141.30
Digital Ocean	\$6.00
SiteGround	\$24.00
PayPal Contribution Fees	\$8.25
Total Expenses	\$2,453.83
Net Income	\$1,804.82
Beginning Balance	\$12,342.11
Ending Balance	\$14,146.93
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
Available Funds	\$7,146.93
Prepared by Linda A. treasurer@nenyaa.org	

NENY Area 48 Monthly Treasury Report May 2024 - Approved	
Beginning Balance	\$14,146.93
Income	
Area Contributions	
Group	\$5,478.28
Individual	\$40.00
Events 7th Tradition	
Fellowship Day	\$173.00
May Voting Assembly	\$107.00
Total Income	\$5,798.28
Expense	
Delegate - 2nd Half Allocation	\$2,500.00
Chair - 2nd Half Allocation	\$2,000.00
Treasurer Allocation	\$133.07
Accessibility Chair - Allocation Advance NYSIW	\$245.00
Corrections Chair Allocation	\$37.66
Grapevine/LaViña Chair Allocation	\$187.20
Newsletter Editor	\$75.62
Fellowship Day	\$624.66
May Voting Assembly	\$671.90
Newsletter Postage - April & May	\$116.00
Newsletter Printing - April & May	\$370.66
Archive Storage Fee	\$90.00
Mail Box Service	\$76.58
QuickBooks Online Annual Renewal Fee	\$80.00
JotForm	\$26.46
AirTable	\$138.00
Digital Ocean	\$6.00
SiteGround - (2) Domain Name	\$43.98
PayPal Contribution Fees	\$51.61
Total Expenses	\$7,474.40
Net Income	-\$1,676.12
Beginning Balance	\$14,146.93
Ending Balance	\$12,470.81
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
Available Funds	\$5,470.81
Prepared by Linda A. treasurer@nenyaa.org	

Meet Your Trusted Servants, NENY Area 48, Panel 74

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What's Happening in...

Area 48

- **New York State Informational Workshop, Geneva, NY July 26-28** <https://nysiw.org/>
- **Fellowship Day, Sunday Sept. 22 Rosendale, NY** <https://nenyaa.org/september-fellowship-day/>
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Area 48 Recurring Events

- [GSR \(General Service Rep\) Forum](#) | **1st Sundays @ 7pm**
Open to any member of AA! You do not have to be a GSR or a member of Area 48 to attend.
- [Monthly Check-in](#) | **1st Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**
- [Grapevine Story Hour](#) | **2nd Tuesdays @ 7pm**
- [Your Delegate Connection](#) | **Last Mondays @ 7pm**

Area 48 Committee Meetings

- [Accessibilities](#) | 2nd Sundays @ 2pm | ID: 459 479 4411, Passcode: 731508
- [Bridging the Gap \(BTG\)/Treatment](#) | 2nd Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 861 6963 8196, Passcode: 741803
- [Corrections](#) | 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm | 867 1213 3948, Passcode: A48Correct
- [Cooperation with the Professional Community \(CPC\) & PI \(Public Information\)](#) | 4th Thursdays @ 6:30pm | 868 7177 3923, Passcode: 070625 Join Meeting [Click Here](#)
- [DCMs & Alt DCMs + Functions](#) 3rd Sundays @ 6pm | ID: 952 7302 1180, Passcode: DCMfun
- [Grapevine & Literature](#) | 3rd Thursdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 885 5335 7701, Passcode:394275
- [Inclusivity](#) | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 840 6485 5953, Passcode: 353180
- [Technology](#) | 4th Wednesdays @ 7pm | 829 5229 5872, Passcode: Techteam48

[Click here for the full 2024 Area 48 Calendar](#)

Outside the Area

- <https://www.unityandserviceconference.org/> October 11 & 12 2024
- <https://www.aa.org/international-convention-2025-faqs>
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Want your event included in the newsletter & on the Area 48 website?
Send it to newsletter@aahmbny.org & webmaster@aahmbny.org.

AREA 48 NENY EVENTS 2024 – Revised 05282024		
Date	Event	Host
January 20, 2024	NENY Orientation Day	Hudson Valley Cluster (D17) First Reformed Church 52 Green St Hudson, NY
February 23-25, 2024	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)	Hershey, PA
March 8-10, 2024	Northeast Regional Delegates’ Reunion (NERD)	Area 48 NENY (delegates and past delegates)
March 16, 2024	NENY Delegate’s Day of Sharing	Adirondack Cluster (D13) Christ Church United Methodist 54 Bay Street, Glens Falls, NY
April 20, 2024	NENY Fellowship Day	Central Cluster (D4) Second Presbyterian Church, 25 Church Street, Amsterdam, NY
April 14-20, 2024	General Service Conference (for our Delegate only)	NYC
May 18, 2024	NENY Spring Voting Assembly	Eastern Cluster (D18) St. Mary’s of the Nativity 26 Church Street, Nassau, NY
June 15, 2024	NENY Joy of Service Day	(Western Cluster) (D20) Cross Pointe Church 317 Oriskany Church Whitesboro, NY
July 26-28, 2024	NYS Informational Workshop	Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY Area 47
September 22, 2024	NENY Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley Cluster (D7) Rosendale Rec Center 1055 Route 32, Rosendale, NY
October 19 or 20, 2024	NENY Fall Voting Assembly	Adirondack Cluster (D19)
November 1-3, 2024	NENY Convention	Marriott Albany, Albany, NY Eastern Cluster
November 16 or 17, 2024	NENY Inventory Day	Central Cluster (D8)
Cluster		
ADK-	D5,D10,D13,D19	
Central-	D4,D8,D14	
Eastern-	D1,D2,D18	
Western-	D9,D12,D20	
Hudson Valley-	D3,D7,D11,D15,D16,D17	
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Area 48 Check In

Who: All Service Committee Chairs, trusted servants and all members of Area 48

When: 1st Wednesday of each month 7/3/24

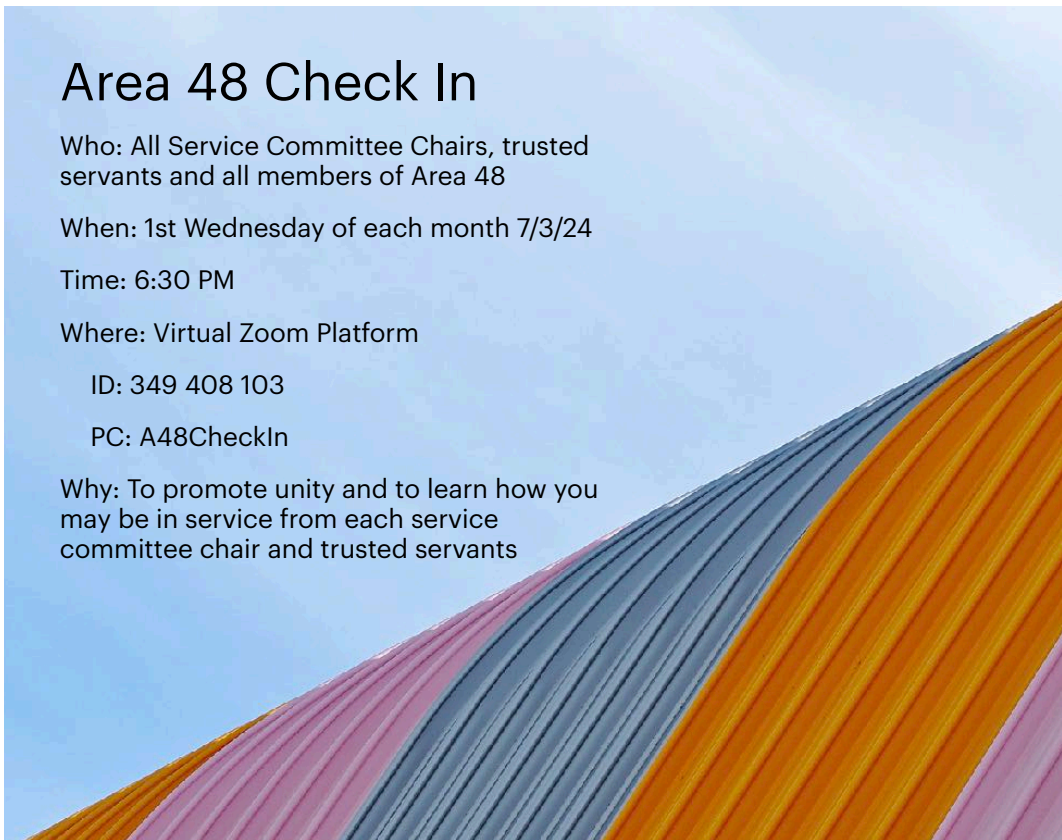
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Where: Virtual Zoom Platform

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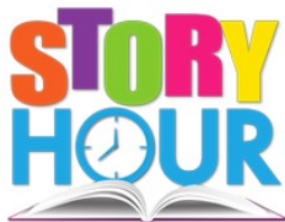
Why: To promote unity and to learn how you may be in service from each service committee chair and trusted servants



AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

**VIRTUAL MONTHLY GRAPEVINE
READING & DISCUSSION**



Tuesdays
(second Tues. of each month)
7:00-8:00pm
(eastern)

Get in your PJs, your fluffy slippers, and cozy blanket, have your popcorn ready, and enjoy a bedtime story!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars

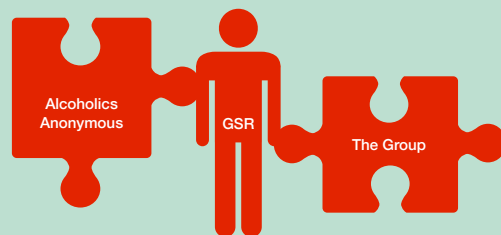


ZOOM ID: 834 1851 2300 | PASSCODE: Grapevine

[Click Here to Join the Meeting!](#)

Please do not post to general public Contact:

grapevine@aaahmbny.org



GSR FORUM

When? First Sunday of every month

What time? 7PM

Who? All GSRs and all members of AA

Why? To promote unity and to support new and experienced GSRs serving the groups who have entrusted them to be their voice in AA.

How? Virtual platform: Zoom

ID: 870 0168 1934

PW: gsr



Join us for the monthly VIRTUAL

DISTRICT 20 MEETINGS!

All are welcome & encouraged to attend!
Last Tuesday of every month @ 7pm

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780 Passcode: 011023
Questions? OnlineDistrict20@aahmbny.org

Area 48 Check In

Who: All Service Committee Chairs, trusted servants and all members of Area 48

When: 1st Wednesday of each month 6/5/24

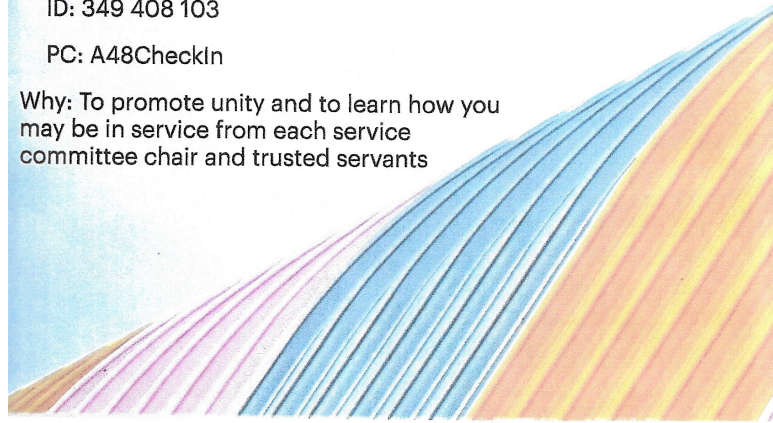
Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Virtual Zoom Platform

ID: 349 408 103

PC: A48CheckIn

Why: To promote unity and to learn how you may be in service from each service committee chair and trusted servants



Online District Roundtable

Monthly on the Third Sunday

8:00 PM Eastern & 5:00 PM Pacific

Purpose

This is an informal meeting to share ESH with the only other online District in North America! Anyone can attend!

Meeting Info

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82660463055?pwd=dmxLcWpaYjR5MmVQ4dEtYXl2UVhidz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6046 3055

Passcode: remoted

One tap mobile

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+13126266799,,82660463055# US (Chicago)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbz6vgHbVA>

Organizer: Cathy P - district20dcm@aahmbny.org

NENY Area 48 Technology Committee

4th Wednesday each Month
at 7 pm

Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872
Passcode: Techteam48



Warm summer greetings from the General Service Office!

June 26, 2024

Dear A.A. Friends,

I'm grateful to share some updates from GSO. Since the 74th General Service Conference (GSC) in April, the office has been engaged in the process of organizing the actions of the Conference and planning for their implementation.

Of significance was the election of a new Chair of the General Service Board (GSB), Scott H. Previously, Scott served as trustee-at-large/Canada from 2015-2019. He is the first Class B (A.A. member) chair to serve the GSB. Scott and I served together on the GSB, both as trustees-at-large, and he is a very dear friend. I'm very excited and grateful for the opportunity to work so closely with him again.

Also significant is the passing by substantial unanimity of the Plain Language Big Book. This project began as the result of discussion during the 66th GSC (2016). Since that time, the project was discussed at each subsequent Conference. It received approval by Advisory Action to move forward from the 71st GSC (2021). The Publishing Department in collaboration with the Trustees Literature Committee of the General Service Board worked diligently together over the last three years and prepared a draft. At both the 73rd and 74th Conferences, reading rooms and sharing sessions were arranged to offer all Conference delegates the opportunity to spend time privately reviewing the draft and to share feedback. This allowed for a fully informed group conscience. Serving as a co-chair of the Conference, I presided over much of the discussion and can attest that it was robust and thorough. This timeline of discussion and development is one of the best examples of how the group conscience of the Fellowship is exercised through the General Service Conference.

I also want to take this opportunity to provide an update on A.A.'s finances. The response to the initial call for contributions last November continues to be strong and very heartwarming. I have expressed over the last several months that the solution to ensure our financial needs are met in the long term is embodied in Tradition Seven and the principle of participation. That is, it is important that contributions come from a larger representation of our groups and members and that they be more frequent and sustained.

For the period of January to May 2024, we received contributions from more than 32,000 groups and members, which is an increase of a little over 4% of what we typically receive during this period. This increased participation has resulted in an increase in contributions received of about \$738,000 compared with this time period in

2023. Net literature sales (literature income) for the same period decreased by about \$200,000.

Expenses are trending under budget, and we are current with our accounts payable and have no past due balances.

The Reserve Fund is measured in the number of months of operating expenses and stands at 6.29 months as of March of this year. The target range is 9 to 12 months. As reported at the General Service Conference: “at its January meeting the General Service Board authorized the withdrawal of \$1,064,652 from the Reserve Fund. This was based on 2024 budgets and cash flow projections for the GSB, AAWS, and AAGV. Of this amount \$500,000 was allocated to GSO to ensure sufficient cash on hand for services and address cash deficiencies which have been carried over since 2022. The remaining \$564,652 was allocated to the Grapevine.”

You can find further financial information in the latest GSO Quarterly Report available [here](#). This report is published three times each year and contains details of the work of the General Service Board and its committees, which they carry out during their work sessions at the Board Weekends held in January, July, and October.

Overall, finances have improved. This was possible in large part because of your increased participation and contributions. Your continued support is much appreciated and necessary to reach a more sustained balance to effectively deliver services and to rebuild the Reserve Fund.

If you're interested in making a contribution to the General Service Board, you can do so through our online contributions site, which can be accessed through aa.org or by clicking [here](#).

Thank you again for your participation not only with our Seventh Tradition but with all each and every one of you do for our beloved Fellowship.

With gratitude for all each of you do for A.A.,

Bob W.
General Manager, G.S.O.

From GSO:

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK (PLBB) FAQs

1. How did the PLBB come about?

The development of a plain language Big Book can be traced back to an agenda topic in 2016, at which time the General Service Conference began the assessment of the need for plain language literature. Following lots of in-depth research and reports, in 2021 the Conference as a whole requested:

*“That a draft version of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be translated into **plain and simple** language and be developed in a way that is **accessible and relatable** to as wide of an audience as possible and that a progress report or draft be brought back to the 2022 Conference Literature Committee.”*

2. Will the PLBB replace the Big Book?

No. The intent was and remains for the PLBB to be a tool to access original text and be a companion piece. The original Big Book is not going away and will remain in publication.

3. Is this the first time A.A. has developed plain language literature?

No. Most of our pamphlets are in plain language. Also, at the time the Big Book was first published, Dr. Bob was concerned that the language was beyond the capability of blue-collar members to grasp and, as a result, 5 pamphlets (still available and known as *The Akron Pamphlets*) were written by Evan W. at the request of Dr. Bob during the 1940s.

4. What is Plain Language?

Plain language is a style of writing designed for word choice, sentence structure, and layout to improve readability and increase understanding.

5. Is it a word-for-word translation?

No. It is a rewrite into plain language that also reflects the scope of the task assigned to ensure that the draft “*be developed in a way that is **accessible and relatable** to as wide of an audience as possible.*”

6. Will it be available in Spanish and French?

We will address this question if and when the PLBB is published. However, we understand that English Plain Language is an approach not a language and so any simplified French or Spanish versions will need to spring from the original translations into French and Spanish.

7. What reading level will the PLBB be at?

5th Grade

8. Why is the draft confidential to Conference Members only and why can't I see a draft?

Historically, whenever the Conference reviews new or significantly revised books or pamphlets, only the Conference Literature Committee (or whichever Committee is reviewing the item) is provided with copies of the new or revised literature before Conference begins. In the case of pamphlets, all other Conference members have been required to sign out copies of the new or revised pamphlet(s) sometime during Conference and have been given a limited time to review the literature. In the case of books, Conference members, other than those on the reviewing committees, have not been given any opportunity to review the manuscripts and have, therefore, had to base their votes entirely on the recommendation of the committee. The reasons for operating in this way are as follows:

1) In order to retain the copyright of A.A.'s literature assets, we have to be able to assert that they were not “at large,” shared widely in whole or in part within the Fellowship or shared on social media, prior to being published.

2) It usually takes several years to complete a piece of A.A. literature. During that time, multiple versions of the piece are shared with the reviewing Conference Committee. If shared widely, it would be possible for the Fellowship and the public to become

confused about what is in revision, what is the current revision and what is “Conference Approved.”

When circumstances such as these require that we trust the Conference process explicitly, it may be helpful to remember that Tradition 2 asserts that God’s will is expressed through the group conscience and that Concept 2 states that the Conference has become “the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

9. What is being translated?

Five things:

1. The Doctor’s Opinion
2. The first 164 pages of the original
3. Dr. Bob’s Nightmare
4. The Appendices
5. Forewords from the first 4 editions (which, together, are now a new Appendix VIII in the translation)

There will also be a new Preface, a new Foreword, and a Glossary.

The stories (other than *Chapter 1 – Bill’s Story* and *Dr. Bob’s Nightmare*) are not being translated.

10. Does that mean the Steps, Traditions, and Warranties are being changed?

No. As laid out in the Conference Charter, only a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of all the groups in the world responding to a proposal has the authority to do that. The Steps and Traditions will be printed in their current form. However, alongside those items, an explanation in plain language will be included.

11. What will be the title of the PLBB?

Subject to the draft being approved for publication and the views of the General Service Conference, the working title is: Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

12. How much has this cost?

The hard costs are \$100,000 for the writer and approximately \$40,000 in publishing-related expenses. \$140,000 to date.

13. What printing options will be available if this book gets published?

As with other A.A. Conference approved literature, hardcover softcover and large print are options that will be decided if the Conference approves publication.

14. How was the writer chosen and are they an A.A. member?

Alcoholic Committee Members chose the best writer for the task through a Request For Proposal (RFI) process. Proposals were received from A.A. members and non-A.A. members. The writer who was eventually chosen is not an A.A. member. Alcoholics have been reviewing the work of the writer at all stages and making changes to ensure that the intent (as expressed in the RFI) that it “**must capture the welcoming and inclusive spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous and inspire a sense of belonging and hope in the alcoholic seeking help**” is followed.

15. Was AI (ChatGPT or similar) used in the plain language big book development?

No AI or text generator was used in the plain language draft.

16. Were any Non-Alcoholics on the Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) or Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) subcommittees?

No. All members were alcoholics.

17. How will the PLBB address gender and God?

The gender of named individuals will not be changed, but where the example given is of an archetype, e.g. the Jaywalker, we will switch up things so that there is a broader representation of both men and women. The original Big Book contains about 250 he/him/his to about 50 she/her/hers. The plain language big book will be more balanced.

Where God is mentioned, and will continue to be mentioned, this is sometimes paired with ‘Higher Power.’

18. When the 2023 General Service Conference got to review the work in progress, i.e., the draft of the first 6 chapters, what did the Conference think?

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Even those who initially expressed concerns liked the plain language BB after reviewing it.

19. If published, who will own the copyright?

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

20. What happens next?

The 74th General Service Conference will review the complete draft at the Conference. Possible outcomes include:

Approving the draft for publication as presented

Approving the draft with minor changes as may be suggested by the Conference Committee on Literature or the Conference floor

Sending the draft back for more work, indicating the issues to be addressed

Halting the project



The Wells Solution Group is now meeting on Sundays at 6pm, starting May 5, 2024.

We are still meeting at the Methodist Church, 1372 State Route 30 Wells, NY 12190

District 4 is looking for any members interested in service, business meeting is second Monday of the month, 7pm.
218 Kingsboro Ave, Gloversville NY



NENY 2024 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Albany Marriott | 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY

Connecting with Love, Unity, & Service

panels | workshops | speakers | long-timers | literature | special events
Grapevine | archives | entertainment | Al-Anon | virtual meetings | & more

November 1 - 3

Full name _____

How would you like your name to appear on your name tag?

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Are you a GSR? Yes No

Accommodations (ASL / Translation / Accessibility / Dietary / etc.)

Homegroup / Service Position _____

Sobriety Date _____

Speak on a Long-Timer's panel (25+ years)? Yes No

AA Al-Anon Non-AA Guest

Interested in service opportunities? Yes No

How do you want your convention packet? Digital Print

Virtual ONLY Attendance \$20

Early Bird Registration \$25

→ **Ends 8/31/24**

Full Price Registration \$30

→ **Starting 9/1/24**

Saturday Lunch Buffet \$52

Saturday Banquet Pot Roast \$52

Saturday Banquet Chicken \$52

Saturday Banquet Eggplant \$48

Scholarship Contribution \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
NENY Area Association - Area Convention
PO Box 493, Delmar, NY 12054

ALL registrations must be submitted/postmarked by 10/15/2024



Hotel Rooms: \$139/night + tax

Book rooms directly through Albany Marriott by 10/15/2024

(518) 458-8444 | <https://tinyurl.com/NENY24-Hotel>

Questions about registration? conventionregistration@nenyaa.org

****Register Online****



ONE DAY AT A TIME AT THE STATE FAIR



WHO: Area 47's Public Information Committee in cooperation with Syracuse Intergroup and District 340 Public Information Committee has submitted the application for an exhibit at the New York State Fair this year.

WHAT: Alcoholics Anonymous Public Information Exhibit at the New York State Fair



WHEN: August 21 – September 2, 2024 • 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Science & Industry Building

WHY: More than 900,000 visitors attended the New York State Fair in 2023. An A.A. P.I. exhibit located in the Science and Technology Building alongside health and wellness exhibitors has the potential to reach hundreds if not thousands of visitors each day. It's a big opportunity to share information about the availability of A.A. in communities across the state.



HOW: With support from all four Areas in New York State—financial and most importantly staffing. The exhibit must be staffed for 12 hours a day—all 13 days of the fair.

Because the fair lasts for 13 days. We need **13 dedicated volunteers** to coordinate their committee or home group's participation for **one full day**.

Each coordinator will be responsible to assemble a group of AA members who will staff the exhibit for two-, three-, or four-hour shifts. Coordinators will receive orientation on how to perform Public Information service in a health fair setting and on how to get into and around the fair.

If your home group or committee would like to participate in this statewide Public Information project, **Scan the QR code and sign up online** or email the following information to statefair_pi@aacny.org



- ▶ Full Name
- ▶ Phone Number
- ▶ Email Address
- ▶ Current Service Position (if any)
- ▶ Home Group or Service Committee
- ▶ Your Group's Availability and/or Preferred Days to Staff the Booth

Details will be provided as soon as we hear if our application is approved and as soon as we know if we'll have enough participants to staff the booth.

International Convention 2025 Information

FROM: Patrick Claymore, 2025 International Convention Coordinator
Tel: (212) 870-2025; Email: 2025ic@aa.org

RE: Non-A.A. Speakers for 2025 International Convention

Historically, A.A. has invited non-A.A. friends to be panel speakers at our International Conventions. In keeping with this custom, the 2023 General Service Conference recommended that “up to twenty-one (21) non-A.A. speakers be invited to attend the 2025 International Convention at A.A.’s expense.”

These panel meetings maintain communication with the professional community, demonstrate Cooperation With the Professional Community work for A.A.s attending, and ensure accurate information about A.A. - the sharing from these panels is often included in our About A.A. newsletter. Customarily, these panels are comprised of two non-A.A. speakers and one A.A. speaker - someone who is experienced in Cooperation With the Professional Community service work in Alcoholics Anonymous or someone who has been a beneficiary of cooperation between A.A. and the professional community. Moderators are most often Class A or B Trustees or A.A.W.S. or Grapevine directors.

Non-A.A. Speaker Suggestion Online Form

Please complete the Non-A.A. Speaker Suggestion Online Form for each speaker you would like to recommend for the 2025 International Convention. You must complete one online form for each speaker suggestion, for which you have up to a maximum of five.

Please fill out the Non-A.A. Speaker Suggestion Form [HERE](#). Please include all of the information requested on the form.

Please respond with your suggestions for non-A.A. speakers to me by Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

We are looking for speakers who would be very comfortable sharing their own professional experience in working with Alcoholics Anonymous. We hope that you might suggest professionals who could also be considered as possible future Class A Trustees. We ask that they not have spoken at any previous International Conventions. From your suggestions, selections will be made by the General Service Board based on recommendations from the trustees’ and Conference International Conventions/ Regional Forums Committees.

Non-A.A. panelists do not receive an honorarium. However, in keeping with our Seventh Tradition, their travel to the International Convention and their hotel and meal expenses are covered.

We would be delighted to speak with you if you have any questions and look forward to receiving your suggestions about this important part of planning for the 2025 International Convention.

From District 3 in Greene County:



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- Direct questions/concerns to nysiw_2024@aacny.org
- See our website for more information, including unique places to visit while in Geneva!



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June 28, 2024

To: Area Delegates and Area Committee Officers in the U.S.

Re: **April 2025 Vacancy for Class B Trustee-at-Large/U.S.**

Dear A.A. Friends,

At the General Service Conference in April 2025 a Class B Trustee-at-Large/U.S. will be elected to serve to succeed Marita R.

The attached election information is being mailed to all area delegates and committee officers in the U.S.

Each area in the U.S. may nominate a trustee-at-large candidate, and the suggested procedure for this election is outlined in the attached, "Procedures for Electing a Candidate for Trustee-at-Large U.S. or Canada." The General Service Board wishes to emphasize that A.A. service background and experience are the primary qualifications for trustee candidates.

Time Required of Class B Trustee-at-Large/U.S.

Since much is asked of the trustees with respect to their time, please be sure your candidate understands the commitment.

Trustees are expected to attend the following:

- Three Quarterly Board weekends (Summer, Fall & Winter) - meetings typically run from Saturday morning through Monday noon.
- A fourth Quarterly meeting (Spring) combined with the General Service Conference (seven days) in April.
- Special meetings of the Board.
- Trustees serve on committees of the General Service Board and may also serve on trustees' subcommittees involving multiple conference calls.
- Rotational attendance at Regional Forums.
- May be asked to serve for two years on either the A.A. World Services Board or A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board and also include possible corporate board subcommittees.
- May be invited to participate in regional or area activities such as service conferences, area assemblies, etc.
- World Service Meetings - Trustees-at-large – one from the U.S. and one from Canada – serve as the World Service Meeting delegates representing the U.S. and Canada. They participate in two World Service Meetings, which are held once every two years – the meeting place alternating between New York City and a location outside the U.S. and Canada.

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All are Welcome!



Workshop Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet (Breakfast)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 2 Speakers and Questions

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 2 Speakers and Questions