

52nd General Service Conference “Sharing the Steps, Traditions and Concepts”

Most A.A. members know that the Twelve Steps are for Recovery, and the Twelve Traditions are for Unity. But the Third Legacy, that of Service, represented by the Twelve Concepts, has been called “A.A.’s best kept secret.” Some members of the Fellowship may not even know the Concepts exist.

Every A.A. knows there are “no coincidences,” so it is a pretty sure bet that when the 51st Conference Agenda Committee selected the theme for the 52nd Conference — “Sharing the Steps, Traditions and Concepts”— they were not aware that the Concepts were adopted at the 12th Conference, on April 26th, 1962. Friday of Conference week marked the 40th Anniversary of the Twelve Concepts for World Service, one of the few pieces of our literature that bears Bill W.’s byline.

April 21-27, the 135 Conference members (delegates from the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada, trustees of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members) met at the Crowne Plaza Manhattan, for “A.A.’s Annual Business Meeting.” This year’s Conference was chaired by Elaine McDowell, Ph.D. (nonalcoholic), chair of the board; Greg M., G.S.O.’s general manager; Linda Chezem, J.D., Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee; and Tom G., delegate chairperson, North Florida. Warren S., G.S.O. staff member, was Conference coordinator.

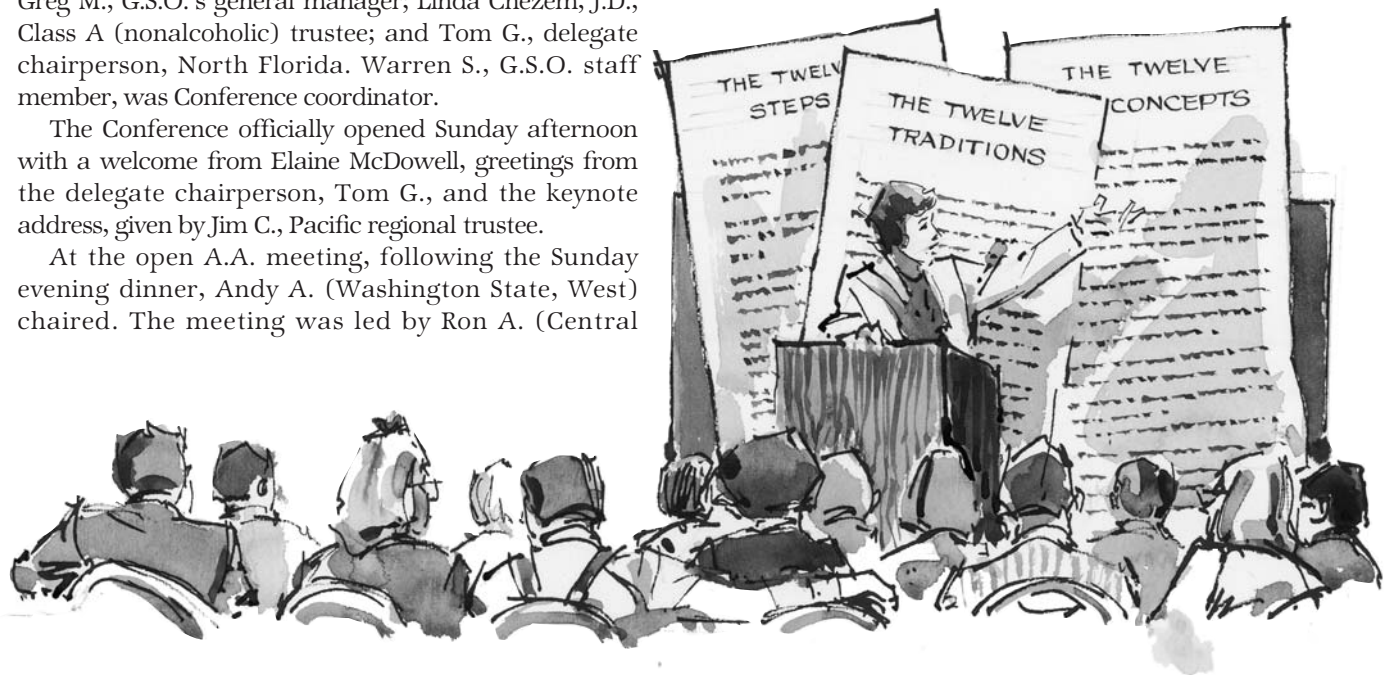
The Conference officially opened Sunday afternoon with a welcome from Elaine McDowell, greetings from the delegate chairperson, Tom G., and the keynote address, given by Jim C., Pacific regional trustee.

At the open A.A. meeting, following the Sunday evening dinner, Andy A. (Washington State, West) chaired. The meeting was led by Ron A. (Central

Michigan); speakers were: Bob A. (BC/Yukon), Shirley O. (Utah), Eva S., (G.S.O. staff), John K. (general service trustee), and Susan C. (Grapevine director).

The week’s many activities included presentations and reports, question and discussion periods; a workshop; area service highlights; and “What’s On Your Mind?” sharing sessions. The G.S.C. Serenity Group met each morning at 7:30.

Most important were the Conference committee meetings. Since day one of sobriety, every A.A. member has heard the suggestion that we must trust the process—the process of our recovery, a day at a time; the process of the group conscience as it emerges in our home groups. Likewise, the process works at the Conference level, through the committee system. Committee members discuss items on their agendas, deliberate, and report their recommendations to the entire Conference body for a vote. Thus the group conscience of the Fellowship emerges in the form of Conference Advisory Actions. Highlights of Actions appear on page 3.



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Wednesday afternoon the Conference elected two new regional trustees. Robert P. of Bellefville, Quebec will succeed Marne H. as the trustee from Eastern Canada. Phyllis H., of Olympia, Washington, will follow Jim C. as Pacific regional trustee.

Mary Pat Y., SW Ohio, will be the delegate chairperson for the 2003 Conference; Peter B., California Mid-Southern will be the alternate chair.

Friday the Conference adjourned with the Serenity Prayer in English, French and Spanish.

Saturday morning Conference members came together for the final time at the closing brunch. Farewell talks were given by the rotating trustees: Jim C. and Marne H. Jackie J. (general service trustee) and Art Knight (nonalcoholic) trustee also rotated, but were not able to attend the brunch. Following the brunch delegates boarded mini-buses for the trip to Bedford Hills, New York, to visit Stepping Stones, the home of Bill and Lois W. — a nice way to end this Conference experience.

Opening for G.S.O. Publications Director

Applications are now being sought for a director of publications. The person in this position reports to the general manager and is responsible for the planning, management and professional direction of the A.A.W.S. Publications Department. The goal is to ensure that the Publications Department maintains the highest quality standards in producing print and audio-visual material consistent with the responsibility of the General Service Conference and the corporate boards.

Principal duties and responsibilities include developing strategy, operating plans and short- and long-term goals that address the current and future needs of the

Fellowship; developing the annual sales budget of the department and preparing key input for other aspects of the A.A.W.S. annual budget; preparing sales analyses and Publications Department performance reports for review by the general manager and the A.A.W.S. Board.

Qualifications for this position: A thorough knowledge of A.A. principles and the A.A. message, membership needs, organization's goals and objectives, knowledge of general management practices and principles, accounting and financial analysis, computer technology, and inventory control techniques. Also, applicants should have five to ten years of experience as a managing editor or production manager in commercial book publishing.

Please send resume to Human Resources Dept., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163. (hrmgr@aa.org) Applications will be accepted up to August 31, 2002.

Resumés for Trustees Election due Jan. 1, 2003

Three new Class B (alcoholic) trustees—from the Southwest (U.S.) and Northeast (U.S.) regions and trustee-at-large/Canada will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 2003. Resumés must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 2003, and must be submitted by delegates only.

The new Southwest regional trustee will succeed Beth R., of Brazoria, Texas; the next trustee from the Northeast region will replace Tony T., of Berlin, Connecticut and the trustee-at-large/Canada will fill the position now held by Alex P., of Abbotsford, British Columbia.

A sound A.A. background is a basic qualification for Class B trustees. Ten years of continuous sobriety is desirable but not mandatory. Candidates should be active in both local and area A.A. affairs; and, because trustees serve the entire Fellowship, they require the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of broad policy that affect A.A. as a whole.

It is also important that trustee candidates understand the commitment of time. Trustees are expected to attend three quarterly board weekends, with meetings often scheduled from Thursday afternoon through Monday morning, and the General Service Conference, which lasts for one week. Often trustees are asked to attend a Regional Forum weekend. In addition, regional trustees are usually asked to serve two years on either the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Corporate Boards, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board.

Please submit your candidate's resumé to the Secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, General Service Office.

2002 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Considerations

Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations made by the standing committees and approved by the Conference body as a whole; or recommendations discussed and voted upon by all Conference members during general sessions. Some Advisory Actions and a few additional committee considerations appear below in condensed form. A complete list will be published in the Final Conference Report.

Advisory Actions

Agenda—that the theme for the 2003 General Service Conference be “Living A.A.’s Principles Through Sponsorship.”

Archives—that the video “Markings on the Journey” be approved.

Grapevine— that the pamphlet “The A.A. Grapevine: Our Meeting in Print” (P-52) be revised to accurately reflect changes in Grapevine operations and to clarify the text.

Literature—that the publication of an Anthology of the last published version of the 56 stories dropped from the First, Second, and Third Editions of the Big Book be approved with the title *Experience, Strength and Hope*; that the text in *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, written by Bill W., remains as is, recognizing the Fellowship’s feeling that Bill’s writings be retained as originally published.

Policy/Admissions—that the “Application for Additional Delegate Area,” as amplified and revised by the committee, be approved and made available through the General Service Office.

Public Information—that the television public service announcement developed by the trustees’ P.I. Committee be approved; that the Membership Survey pamphlet and the one-way Membership Survey display be updated to reflect the findings from the 2001 Membership Survey.

Report and Charter—that the Publications Department add a map of U.S. areas, and a map of Canada areas to *The A.A. Service Manual*; that the “List of General Service Conference Area Web Sites” be added to the Canadian, Eastern and Western United States A.A. Directories.

Trustees—that the slate of trustees and officers be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April 2002; that the slates of directors of the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Corporate Boards be elected at the annual meetings of the boards in April 2002.

Additional Considerations

Cooperation With the Professional Community—agreed to keep the “singleness of purpose” statement in existing C.P.C. pamphlets as is “and continue to publish articles on singleness of purpose in *About A.A.* and *Box 4-5-9*.”

Correctional Facilities—requested that trustees’ committee consider distributing the newsletter *Sharing From Behind the Walls* to A.A. groups in Correctional Facilities.

Finance—reviewed input from the Fellowship on local Convention reporting, and felt that by reporting International Convention activities in a separate column on the financial statements the Fellowship would be better informed.

Treatment Facilities—agreed to the request that the T.F. Kit and Workbook be combined in a 3-ring binder format and that the trustees’ Committee provide a progress report as background to the 2003 Conference.

International Conventions/A.A. Regional Forums—expressed interest in the possibility of having more frequent and accessible Regional/Special Forums; reviewed the 2015 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2002¹

	Groups	Members
United States	51,245	1,160,651
Canada	4,965	97,124
Sub-Total	56,210	1,257,775
Correctional facilities ²	2,531	66,036
Internationalists		105
Lone members		315
Total	58,741	1,324,231
Outside U.S. & Canada ³	41,390	891,062
Grand Total	100,131	2,215,293

1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O., and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

2. U.S. and Canada only.

3. We are aware of A.A. activity in approximately 150 countries, including 51 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually we attempt to contact those G.S.O.s and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking we use an earlier year’s figures.

Reports From G.S.O., the General Service Board, and Trustees' Committees

General Service Board Report

Trustees' report: The year 2001 was challenging and often sorrowful, tempered by our knowledge that throughout the difficult times, the A.A. message of hope continued to be carried. Like many in the world, our prayers and sympathies went out to the families and friends of those who perished or were injured on September 11th. We're aware that some of the dead were A.A. members whose strength, hope and experience will no longer be shared but whose examples live on. A.A. was available twenty-four hours a day to firemen, police and other workers near "ground zero." Our spirits were sustained by the many messages of concern and support.

Our beloved director of the Publications Department, Vinnie McCarthy, died suddenly in early December. Vinnie had been part of the G.S.O. family since June 1977. A close friend described Vinnie best, "Bright, collegial, creative and forthright, Vinnie was greatly admired within the A.A. Fellowship, among staff and professional colleagues, and within her department for her quiet leadership."

The Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, was published in November, with 24 new stories and 17 stories carried forward from the Third Edition. The pamphlet, "Can A.A. Help Me Too? Black/African Americans Share Their Stories," became available in July, as well as "A.A. For the Older Alcoholic — Never Too Late" replaced "Time to Start Living."

The Big Book has been translated into Indonesian and Slovene, as well as a number of Conference-approved pamphlets into Croatian, Hebrew, Mongolian, Shan, Simplified Chinese and Turkish. Thus far, the Big Book has been translated into 47 languages.

We continue to uphold copyrights on our A.A. literature. We would not seek to personally punish any individual or company that infringes on A.A. literature copyrights. We have requested any individual or company that engages in copyright infringement of A.A. literature to cease doing so. There is nothing new to report regarding the ongoing infringement case in Germany. We prevailed with our case in the lower courts; that decision was appealed by the defendant, and is, now, under consideration by the German Appellate Court. It is important to keep in mind that the protection of A.A.'s copyrights are not just the legal obligation of the board, this protection is a spiritual responsibility shared by all members of A.A.

This year, the Grapevine hired a new executive editor, Desmond T. who possesses an infectious enthusiasm to revitalize the Grapevine and increase subscriptions. For several years, now,

Conference delegates have been encouraged to return to their areas and secure ten new subscriptions, which would represent 930 new subscriptions.

G.S.O. staff member Susan U. has announced plans to retire sometime this year. For 27 years, Susan has shared her strength, hope and experience with the Fellowship with a loving generosity of spirit that all of us will miss. This 52nd General Service Conference will be Susan's last. We wish her good fortune in the next chapter of her journey.

This past year as the chair of the General Service Board has been personally enriching for me. I have met so many wonderful A.A. members, particularly during the Forums. My depth of gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous deepens as I share in the compassionate and useful work A.A. members provide to the still-suffering alcoholic. I cannot do what most of you can do — directly carry the message of hope to another. But I tell you, with all humility, how privileged and proud I feel to have been blessed with the gift of serving this society, — the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Elaine McDowell, Ph.D. (nonalcoholic) chair

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Directors' report: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) is a not-for-profit corporation. The trustees of the General Service Board are the members of A.A.W.S. and elect the A.A.W.S. directors, who are responsible for oversight of the General Service Office (G.S.O.), which provides group services, including printing and distribution of Conference-approved literature and service material. The A.A.W.S. Board met seven times since the last Conference to receive G.S.O. management and staff reports; review group services activity and progress on implementation of Conference and board recommendations; review financial reports; price new or revised publications; review publishing operations and matters of G.S.O. administration; consider requests from A.A. members and non-A.A.s for permission to reprint A.A. -copyrighted literature; and address other matters as they arose.

The committees of the A.A.W.S. Board are: Services, which considers the needs of all service assignments; Publishing, which reviews reprints, foreign literature and publications concerns; Finance, which oversees salary and budget, audit review, and retirement; and Nominating. Long-range planning is done within each committee and by the board as a whole.

New Groups — During 2001, a net total of 1,096 new groups were registered with G.S.O.

Group Services — This is a newly revived assignment that was discontinued several years ago when responsibilities were reassigned to other staff assignments. The responsibility of Group Services is to provide services to the Fellowship in the U.S. and Canada, primarily through service material. This assignment includes Special Needs and serving as liaison to Intergroup/Central Offices and coordinating G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.

Intergroup Seminar — The 16th Annual Intergroup/Central Office/A.A.W.S. Seminar was held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, September 7-9, 2001.

G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site — Our Web site was visited 1,437,590 times during 2001, approximately 250,000 more visits than during the year 2000, and representing approximately 4,000 visits per day. Under "Fellowship Services" on the Web site, Box 4-5-9 and a subscription form for Box 4-5-9 were added. Links have been activated to e-mail addresses and Web sites of Central/Intergroup Offices in the U.S. and Canada. A newly designed Web site will be introduced in the spring of 2002.

Visitors to G.S.O. — G.S.O. welcomed 1,624 visitors during 2001.

Visits by G.S.O. staff, G.S.O.'s general manager and trustees to Overseas Service Structures — There were many visits with trusted servants and A.A. members in service structures in other countries: Vienna, Austria; Budapest, Hungary; the three Turkish cities of Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir; 4th A.A. Convention in Revan, Slovakia; the central office in Kiev, Ukraine; the 11th European Service Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany; the 2nd General Service Conference in Havana, Cuba; the 27th General Service Conference in Bangalore; the Japan Service Office in Tokyo and central office in Osaka; Beijing and Changchun P.R. China and the 4th Asia-Oceania Service Meeting in Seoul, Korea.

International Visitors to G.S.O. New York — The following members of other service structures were welcomed to G.S.O. and attended A.A.W.S. Board meetings: Lawrie F., chairman of the Board/India; and Pushan V., trustee of the Board/India were guests in July. Victor Barcenas, Class A trustee/chairman of the Mexican General Service Board, and Class B trustees Daniel O. and Francisco V., were guests in October.

Finance: Through its Finance Committee, the board prepared, reviewed and recommended G.S.O.'s 2002 budget to the trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee. The budget projects \$9,706,300 in gross sales, \$4,740,900 in gross profit, \$4,794,000 in contributions, and \$9,536,900 in total revenue. Total expenses are projected at \$10,287,300, with a \$750,500 net loss budgeted for the year 2002. We approved the transfer of \$200,000 to the Reserve Fund.

Publications: On November 9, 2001, a complimentary copy of the first printing of the Fourth Edition Big Book was shipped to each group in the U.S. and Canada in appreciation of their members' voices and their support of the group conscience that made the Fourth Edition possible. The board approved pricing of the Fourth Edition at \$5.00. Our 2001 budget was based on distributing 1,498,671 books; however, due to the Fourth Edition, we actually distributed 1,937,017 books in 2001 — an increase of 438,346 units, or 29.25% over budget. We processed approximately 34,000 paid literature orders (not including approximately 12,000 no-charge orders), about 7,000 (25%) more than in 2000. A price structure for audio and electronic formats of the English language Fourth Edition Big Book was approved as follows: Cassettes: \$60.00; CDs: \$85.00; CD-ROMs: \$60.00; Floppy Disks: \$20.00 (20% discount applies.) The board approved a price of 40¢ for the pamphlets, "Can A.A. Help Me, Too?" and "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." We also approved the printing of a large-print, soft-cover version of *Daily Reflections*. Pricing will be determined in June 2002.

Translations: We approved translating and publishing the personal stories in the Fourth Edition Big Book in French and Spanish, with the cost of these translations estimated at \$25,000 for each language. We also approved the Big Book in Simplified Chinese (as read in the People's Republic of China) at a projected cost of \$28,000; and translation of the Big Book into Cambodian at a projected cost of \$28,000. Various translations of pamphlets were also completed and priced.

The directors of Service Mondiaux des Alcooliques Anonymes (S.M.A.A.), an affiliate corporation of A.A.W.S., Inc. held meetings on a quarterly basis since the last Conference. At the February 1, 2002 meeting, the directors received reports on the operations and finances of the corporation during 2001. For the 12-month period ended December 31, 2001, a loss of \$21,000 (U.S.) was recorded. The directors reviewed and accepted the S.M.A.A. financial results are combined with A.A.W.S. totals.

Beth R., chairperson

Archives

Trustees' report: The first edition of an Archives Workbook was produced in 2001. An archives service piece was also developed, explaining the many ways a member may get involved in archives service. The committee reviewed the effort to-date that has gone into the possible updating of the "Markings on the Journey" video, which had aged and become less useful in many ways, including technical presentation and audio quality. A new producer was selected to develop a revised and updated video. A rough draft video was reviewed by the committee at the February 2002 meeting.

Greg T., chairperson

Archivist's report: While we continued to receive large volumes of correspondence, it has been slowly shifting to e-mail communication replacing regular mail. We continued the transfer of our voluminous audio collection to CD-ROMs, and the audio preservation proceeds in a satisfactory fashion. A new scanning software was installed replacing the old program. Our database now contains our full library collection. Early group records were transferred from Files to Archives, as our goal is to preserve the original records. We have produced a second traveling exhibit due to increased interest and to ensure that we have a backup if the original is delayed or damaged with shipping. The photos in our exhibit area were reframed with new captions creating a more attractive and informative research and reading area.

Judit Santon (nonalcoholic), archivist

Conference

Trustees' committee: We reviewed the Advisory Actions, including the theme for the 52nd Conference, "Sharing the Steps, Traditions and Concepts" and the Evaluation Questionnaire. We reviewed a subcommittee's report on the use of laptops during the Conference and agreed that a two-year trial period, using 24 (user supplied) laptops/PCs, would begin with the 2002 Conference. The committee agreed to and forwarded a report regarding the spiritual, practical and financial implications of electronic voting to the 2002 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions. The main Agenda was finalized and approved, including presentation topics chosen, and forwarded over 30 agenda topics to trustees' and Conference committees, to A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Corporate Boards.

Ted S., chairperson

Staff report: The Conference coordinator is the G.S.O. contact for Conference members. The Conference process continues throughout the year and the coordinator corresponds regularly with delegates and alternate delegates, who cooperate to make the annual Conference responsive to the needs of the Fellowship. The coordinator is also the contact for area and district committee members, as well as past delegates, in the 93 areas throughout the U.S. and Canada. The coordinator is responsible for: serving as secretary to the Conference Agenda Committee and the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference; assembling suggestions for the Conference theme, presentation/ discussion and workshop topics; working with the G.S.O. staff and general manager on planning and coordinating each phase of the Conference; scheduling and assembling reports and other information for the Conference Manual, the Early Bird edition of *Box 4-5-9* and the *Conference Final Report*.

Warren S.

Cooperation With the Professional Community/ Treatment Facilities

Trustees' committee: Since 1998 the trustees' C.P.C. and Treatment Facilities Committees have been meeting jointly.

C.P.C. – Forty-two national exhibits were coordinated by G.S.O. for 2001; and 54 local exhibit invitations were referred to area C.P.C. committees. Preliminary work is underway to host an Open House on June 11th for staff of agencies in the Interchurch Center to visit G.S.O. and the Grapevine Office. Subcommittees were appointed to explore our "singleness of purpose" statement, and A.A.'s nonaffiliation with religion in C.P.C. pamphlets.

Treatment Facilities – We revised the annual informational letter to professionals associated with treatment centers and/or involved in counseling clients who may be alcoholics. The letter was sent to over 18,700 professionals in the U.S. and Canada. Some professionals responded by requesting additional information and/or contact with a local T.F. Committee.

Marne H., chairperson

Staff reports:

C.P.C.—The C.P.C. assignment is responsible for providing information about A.A. and establishing good communication with those outside A.A. who may have direct contact with the still-suffering alcoholic through their professional work. In 2001 the C.P.C. staff member responded to over 2,000 inquiries from professionals; 1,303 were requests for information which followed visits to our A.A. Web site. Meetings with medical students continue to be set up throughout the year at G.S.O. The publication *About A.A.* is also the responsibility of this assignment.

Susan U.

Treatment Facilities—The purpose of this assignment is to provide information and service material to assist the work of A.A. committees who wish to carry the message to alcoholics in treatment. We now are in contact with 87 area T.F. chairpersons, and nearly 300 district and "other" local chairpersons. We maintain an up-to-date list of these committee chairs and provide them with information and literature. Area T.F. chairs are sent the Treatment Facilities Kit, a guide to carrying the message in Treatment Facilities. Treatment facilities sharing is provided to G.S.O. through minutes and reports sent in by treatment facilities committees. This information often serves as the basis for a *Box 4-5-9* article.

Joanie M.

Correctional Facilities

Trustees' committee: We followed through on the Conference Committee's suggestion to add information to the service piece that accompanies the video "Carrying the Message Behind the

Walls.” We requested that the secretary gather experience from young people who carry the A.A. message into correctional facilities and from A.A. members who were incarcerated as young people and achieved sobriety at an early age. This will be included in a future issue of *Bar 4-5-9*. The alternate year mailing of 7,820 letters were sent to wardens, superintendents and other correctional professionals. Linda Chezem, (nonalcoholic) Class A trustee and a member of this committee and Jim Estelle, trustee emeritus, participated in the National Institute of Corrections Interactive Video Conference, “Critical Knowledge of Twelve Step Programs,” which took place in August 2001. We continue to discuss ways to encourage members to carry the message into Juvenile Detention Centers, as well as participate in our Corrections Correspondence Service.

Jim C., chairperson

Staff report: This assignment is responsible for carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics confined in a variety of correctional settings. Over 500 letters a month arrive from inmates, most asking for free literature, many asking for names of outside A.A. members with whom to correspond, or for help in making contact with A.A. upon release. We try to facilitate these requests, primarily through our network of area, district and local C.F. committees. The newsletter, *Sharing From Behind The Walls*, containing sharing from inmate letters sent to G.S.O., is also a responsibility of this assignment. The Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS), coordinated by this desk, is one of our most valuable efforts. One of the questions asked by A.A. members involved in corrections service is how to get fellow members on the “outside” to commit to speaking at or sponsoring a meeting in a correctional facility. “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls,” a video created to encourage A.A. members to participate in correctional service, addresses many of these concerns.

Julio E.

Finance and Budgetary

Trustee’s report: Last year we reviewed the proposed budget for 2001 and reported that the G.S.O. expected income from operations of \$137,000 was essentially the same level as we had budgeted in the previous two years. Fortunately, we were surprised by more good news, we were able to exceed our budget projections. The Reserve Fund balance at 12/31/2000 represented approximately 11.6 months of operating expenses. Today, after the 2002 transfer, the balance stands at just about 11.0 months.

This is the fourth year in a row that contributions have increased over the previous realized in 2000. The combination of contributions and net literature sales resulted in total G.S.O. revenue of \$10,608,700, some \$907,000, or 9.3%, greater than originally budgeted, and \$836,200,

or 8.5% greater than 2000. Total operating expenses for G.S.O. during 2001 were \$10,226,700 — \$661,900 greater than budget and \$1,437,425, or 16%, higher than the previous year. Compared to the budget, the increase in revenues was offset by the increased expenses, resulting in an operating profit of \$382,000 for the year, a substantial improvement from the budget and approximately \$600,000 less than the previous year. However, these results are somewhat misleading. Substantial revenue was realized by sales of the Fourth Edition — not in the original budget. Additionally, a decision was reached to mail a copy of the new edition at no charge to each registered group. These expenses were not included in our original budget. Finally, an early retirement program was approved and implemented during the year, and, again, these expenses were not budgeted. So, while the final results were significantly better than our original budget roadmap, the route to our final destination was somewhat circuitous!

At \$10,337,400, (the adjusted balance used for the calculation) the Reserve Fund amounts to \$184 per listed A.A. group. To give perspective to this number, contributions per group averaged about \$83 for the 56,210 groups registered, while expenses (excluding costs associated with the Early Retirement Window) to support services to those groups averaged \$118 per group.

The 2002 G.S.O. budget assumes relatively flat unit sales of books and booklets after taking into account the expected “bulge” effect of initial sales of the fourth Edition. This year’s budget also includes a 2% increase in contributions. The budget envisions a less than 1% increase in operating expenses. This follows a larger than usual increase in operating expenses from 2000 to 2001. Based on these primary assumptions — level literature unit sales; a 2.0% increase in contributions; a .6% increase in total operating expenses — the projection for 2002 is for an excess of expense over revenue of \$750,450.

We were grateful when last year the Conference moved forward the “Floating Cap Plan” allowing for the orderly “managing down” of the Reserve Fund. We expect that to happen this year.

In 2002 we spent \$6,685,690 on services to the Fellowship, approximately \$542,400, or 9% more than the \$6,143,300 spent in 2000. Contributions provided 70% of this and 30% came from the profit from literature sales. (This compares with 73% and 27% last year.) This year, no funds were needed from the Reserve Fund for G.S.O. services.

At the Grapevine, magazine income was approximately even with last year, as was circulation. Average circulation during 2001 was 115,000, compared with 115,700 in 2000, 115,900 for 1999, 117,300 for 1998, 120,679 for 1997, and 128,360 during 1996. Gross profit on the magazine was \$1,028,600, \$78,800 less than last year and \$57,000 less than budget as well.

Revenue of Other Items was \$86,800, less than budgeted, and \$79,000 less than last year. Gross profit on Other Items was approximately \$45,000 less than 2000. The major reason for the under budget condition was that a book anticipated at budget time was not produced. Therefore, total income, including interest income, was \$1,357,400, approximately \$132,000 less than last year and \$94,000 less than budgeted.

Costs and expenses for editorial, circulation and business, and administration were \$1,453,700. This is \$50,000 less than last year and just about on budget. As a result, the Grapevine (excluding La Viña) reported a loss of \$96,300 before one time charges, some \$96,000 more than budgeted, and \$80,000 more than 2000.

One-time expenses associated with the outsourcing and reorganization of \$355,000 resulted in a loss of \$451,531 for 2001. With approval of the General Service Board, the trustees’ Finance Committee had encouraged the Grapevine Board to pursue the outsourcing and reorganization, which was completed during 2001. The Grapevine’s 2002 budget, excluding La Viña, calls for a \$1,000 increase in magazine subscription income to \$1,754,800, compared with 2001, with a decrease in magazine gross profit of \$18,800, resulting in a gross profit of \$1,009,800. Gross profit on Other Publishing Income is anticipated to decrease \$105,000, while interest income should be slightly less. This break-even projection for 2002 compares with a \$96,300 actual loss last year, and, when accomplished, will put a halt to seven consecutive years of operating losses for the Grapevine.

La Viña, the Spanish-language magazine project approved by the 1995 Conference, has grown from an idea to a full-fledged publication with a 2001 average circulation of close to 8,600. To date, the project has incurred losses each of the past five and one-half years. During 2001, subscription income was \$70,250 and direct costs of publishing were \$62,000, resulting in a \$8,200 gross profit. Operating expenses directly associated with the publication were \$127,600. These include the editorial, circulation and administrative costs attributable to La Viña. Therefore, the overall loss on the project for the year was \$119,400.

The Grapevine Board and management have worked hard to put out a quality product that is responsive to the needs of the Spanish-speaking members of the Fellowship on a cost-effective basis. For 2002, the loss on the La Viña project is budgeted to remain substantially unchanged at \$114,800 and circulation is projected to increase slightly to around 9,000 copies. The Grapevine Board and the trustees’ Finance Committee will continue to monitor progress against the original business plan and inform the Conference. Since the inception of the project, \$564,300 has been invested in La Viña, which continues to be published at the General Service Board’s expense.

In summary, the Fellowship's finances remain in good condition, the outlook for this year appears to be favorable, and we continue to have the financial wherewithal to carry the message.

Arthur L. Knight, Jr. (nonalcoholic), chairperson

General Sharing Session

Trustee's report: The topic of the July 2001 session was "Let's Share About Our Committees: Is each fulfilling its purpose? Do we need to combine one or more committees, or consider a new committee?" The October topic was "Participation – Sharing G.S.O. Services with the Fellowship: — Ways to encourage groups to use our services; scope of services – too much? Too little?" In February 2002, the session focused on "The A.A. Grapevine: A Tool of Unity and Recovery."

Robert Miller, D.D. (nonalcoholic), chairperson

Group Services

Staff report: To assist groups, G.S.O. provides service material to the Fellowship, based on an indicated need, to provide information and share experience not found in Conference-approved literature. Examples of service material include: Regional Forum Reports; A.A. Guidelines; List of Fellowships Similar to A.A.; a catalog of A.A. Literature and Audiovisual Material for Special Needs. Ongoing projects: Coordinating the A.A. Directories, Eastern U.S., Western U.S. and Canadian; supervision of service files, A.A. Guidelines, Group Handbooks, and G.S.R. Kits. Currently all correspondence in Spanish from the U.S./Canada, with the exception of Corrections Correspondence, comes to the Group Service desk. The staff member also serves as liaison with intergroup/central offices.

Eva S.

International/ World Service Meeting

Trustees' committee: This committee is responsible for suggesting policies and actions to assure that the A.A. message is available around the world, especially in areas where there is no established service structure. We provide shared experience, support translations of A.A. literature in other languages and encourage the expansion of regional or zonal service meetings. The committee is the primary link between the international A.A. community and the U.S./Canada General Service Board. The trustees-at-large U.S./Canada will be our delegates to the 17th World Service Meeting that align bottom will be held October 6-10 in Oviedo, Spain, with the theme "The A.A. Message – A Message Without Borders." We anticipate over 40 delegates representing over 30 countries or zones. In 2002 A.A.W.S. will translate and publish a variety of foreign language

books, pamphlets and reprints. A portion of this expense will be drawn from the International Literature Fund representing contributions from A.A. groups around the world.

Alex P.

Staff report: The International desk receives correspondence from groups, individual A.A.s and professionals interested in obtaining information about A.A. in countries outside of the U.S. and Canada. The staff member corresponds with 52 international G.S.O.s and literature distribution centers. Other responsibilities on the assignment are: Coordinating the biennial World Service Meeting (WSM) and maintaining contact with delegates and their offices throughout the year; maintaining communications with our Publications Department on requests for new translations of literature and the beginnings of new General Service or Information offices that may be able to distribute literature to local members and groups.

Bill A.

International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums

Trustees' committee:

International Conventions – We unanimously recommended that San Antonio, Texas be the site of A.A.'s 2010 International Convention. We discussed various challenges and solutions related to Canadian border-crossing regulations faced by members going to the 2005 Convention in Toronto. More information will be available in June 2002.

Regional Forums – Since the last Conference, the Northeast, West Central, Southwest and East Central regions have held Forums. All were well attended. A Special "Hispanic" Forum was held in Austin, Texas, and a Special "Inner City" Forum in Chicago.

Leonard Blumenthal (nonalcoholic), chairperson

Staff reports:

International Conventions – This assignment involved coordinating every aspect of the many processes and plans that go to make up A.A. International Conventions, held every five years. Preliminary plans are underway for the Convention in 2005, to be held in Toronto.

Doug R.

Regional Forums—The staff member handling Regional Forums is responsible for coordinating and following through on all arrangements necessary for holding Forums in the U.S. and Canada. These sharing weekends help foster wider communication and understanding among A.A. service workers, the General Service Board, A.A.W.S., the Grapevine and GV and G.S.O. staffs. Regional Forums are held at the invitation of a particular region every two years. A region may also request a Special Forum. The staff member also serves as secretary of the trustees' Nominating Committee, Conference

Committee on Trustees and co-secretary of the trustees' and Conference International Conventions/Regional Forums Committees.

Adrienne B.

Literature

Trustees' committee: The Fourth Edition of the Big Book was published in November 2001. Projects Forwarded to the Conference to the Conference Literature Committee for discussion: Draft manuscripts of the 56 stories dropped from the First, Second and Third Editions of the Big Book, for approval for publication; revised service piece, "Concepts Checklist" for review; suggested change to text of "This is A.A." and "A.A. for the Woman" pamphlets.

George Vaillant, M.D. (nonalcoholic), chairperson

Staff report: The Literature coordinator works closely with the editor, writers and illustrators on preparing all new recovery pamphlets, books and audiovisuals, in accordance with recommendations from the Conference. The literature desk receives and responds to correspondence from A.A. members and groups about literature, and maintains contact with 73 area, 211 district, 211 intergroup/central offices and A.A. group literature chairpersons, and also serves as editor of *Box 4-5-9*.

Valerie O'N.

Loners, Internationalist, Homers

Staff report: Loners are A.A.s who are unable to attend meetings because there are no groups nearby. There are about 320 Loners in 80 countries. Seagoing A.A.s, known as Internationalists, number about 105, as well as Port Contacts; eight Internationalist Groups meet aboard ships. We now have 204 Homers, A.A.s who are housebound due to illness or physical disability. Loners, Homers, and Internationalists stay sober by sharing with each other through letters, tapes, and e-mail. Each new Loner, Homer or Internationalist receives a directory of members, a subscription to *Box 4-5-9* and the *Loners/Internationalists Meeting-By-Mail, (LIM)*, a confidential bimonthly bulletin which shares excerpts of letters received at G.S.O. from LIM members. There are also over 584 Loners Sponsors, sharing group activities and personal experience.

Joanie M.

Nominating

Trustees' committee: The committee recommended to the General Service Board that Vincent E. Keefe be invited to serve as a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, replacing Arthur L. Knight, Jr., following the 2002 General Service Conference. Vince's background is in Finance.

We forwarded the proposed slates of General Service Board members, officers of the board, and A.A. World Services and Grapevine directors to the 2002 Conference Committee on Trustees for disapproval, if any, as well as the slate of trustees to the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April, following presentation at the 2002 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.

Linda Chezem (nonalcoholic), chairperson

Public Information

Trustees' committee: Over the past year we have: Developed a policy for guidance in P.I. activity related to posthumous anonymity; conducted the 2001 Membership Survey, and forwarded the results to the 2002 Conference P.I. Committee; oversaw the production of a new television public service announcement (P.S.A.), which was presented to the Conference P.I. Committee; forwarded a long-range development plan for future television P.S.A.s, and a proposal for centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of television P.S.A.s. to the Conference Committee.

Ric D., chairperson

Staff report: The goal of the P.I. assignment is to help to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic and the general public through the media, health fairs, schools and G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. A crucial part of P.I. work at G.S.O. is to act as a resource and central repository of the sharing from P.I. committees throughout the U.S. and Canada. Throughout the year the staff member and a staff assistant respond to hundreds of written and telephone inquiries from the public and the Fellowship. The staff member also handles interviews with the media describing what A.A. is and what it can and cannot do. We provide accurate information to the media, researchers, students and the general public about A.A. The staff member also communicates with over 500 P.I. Committee chairpeople at the area, district, intergroup/central office and group level.

Rick W.

Staff Coordinator

Staff report: Services to A.A. groups and members are provided through ten staff assignments; in addition, staff members correspond with groups and members in a specific region. Staff members rotate assignments every two years; assignments are assisted by the staff coordinator. In 2001 staff received a total of 28,463 pieces of mail (including faxes and e-mail). As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling meetings, distributing advance materials, preparing the minutes of the board meetings and also serves as editor of the *Quarterly Report*. In the past year, G.S.O. welcomed 1,624 visitors from around the world.

Doug R.

Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

Directors' report: The Grapevine Corporate Board met eight times since the last Conference, four quarterly board meetings and four planning meetings.

The mission of the Grapevine Board, which is composed of five trustees and four non-trustee directors, is: to oversee the corporation's publishing operations; to provide sound financial management of the corporation; to establish corporate priorities and policies; to engage in the ongoing process of strategic planning; to operate in accordance with the principles of A.A. as expressed in the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

The board elected to adapt the Responsibility Declaration to read: "We are responsible — when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, we want a copy of the Grapevine always to be within arms reach. And for that: we are responsible."

On the heels of major changes in personnel, computer systems, and fulfillment services initiated last year, the board followed up with more changes this year. While overseeing the integration on the new computer systems, and after an in-depth search the board selected the corporation's new CEO and executive editor. This resulted in a restructuring of business functions and reporting relationships within the organization. Specifically, the heads of each department—customer service and fulfillment; Internet; editorial (including *La Viña*); and finance—report directly to the executive editor. Each of these departments has been directed to support three "Aggressive Attraction Strategies" (AAS) namely focus, creativity and efficiency.

At the beginning of 2002 a quarterly tactical implementation program was developed and approved by the board to achieve the strategic goals. The results of this program will be evidenced within the framework of recovery. Recent highlights include: revised Grapevine workbook available on the web and reprinted by year-end; five GV CDs; a specially priced offering of *The Language of the Heart/Big Book IV*; early renewal and returning subscriber incentives; a *Language of the Heart* meeting in Grapevine offices; link to local area, intergroup, district Web sites; and a gift edition of "The Best of Bill."

La Viña, the Spanish-language magazine, had an average monthly circulation of 8,623 during 2001, 123 copies over budget. Total magazine income was \$70,226, which was \$7,999 over budget. *La Viña's* net loss for the year came to a total of \$119,385.

Average monthly Grapevine circulation was 115,084 for the year, or 1,916 copies below the budgeted circulation level of 117,000. Therefore, subscription income of \$1,699,636 was \$32,492 below budget.

The Web site www.aagrapevine.org continues to show positive trends, including a 20%

increase in the number of visitors and a similar increase in orders for the magazine and other items. Two factors have influenced this performance: the enthusiastic response to the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, and special Web site offers. The special project to protect and access the Grapevine's archive of published stories has been moving forward at a steady pace. The project will now be presented to the General Service Board for future direction.

In the coming months, our new issues will feature such key topics as: A.A. in the Workplace; Combating Resentments; Hanging on Through the Holidays; Anonymity; and Love, Sex and Sobriety. It is the hope of the Grapevine Board and staff that these topics will be helpful to you in sharing "our meeting in print."

Tony T., chairperson

Staff report: There have been many new developments at the Grapevine this year. In September, the board welcomed the new executive editor, Des T., who is committed to revitalizing the magazine and the Web site and has taken on the responsibilities of acting chief financial officer. A director of Internet operations has been established and a new editor and art director for *La Viña* has been hired. The editorial staff has been revamped as well. Recent innovations at the Grapevine include more engaging magazine covers and stories that reflect the tenor of current A.A. meetings, an expanded Web site, and the release of the Grapevine's most popular audiotapes on five CD's. Many of these innovations were made with input from the Editorial Advisory Board, which is made up of A.A.s with extensive experience in publishing. The EAB met five times this year and once with the Board of Directors.

In July, many of our data entry and fulfillment operations were transferred in July 2001 to an outside supplier, while the mailing services for subscription copies have remained the same, and customer service continues to be performed in New York by a customer service staff of five, including the director of operations and circulation. A GvR coordinator is available to assist Grapevine and *La Viña* representatives. GvRs also receive GrapeNet, our complimentary newsletter, and news about the the GV on the Web site and via the Internet. Despite the challenges such major changes engender, circulation has remained stable, and, now that the outsourcing is complete, the staff looks forward to improving customer service and operations as a whole.

Our Web site, www.aagrapevine.org, continues to grow, and the moderated bulletin board, i-Say, continues to draw a small group of A.A.s sharing experience, strength and hope, as well as sick and suffering alcoholics who may find some light and hope there for the first time.

Robin B., senior editor

Budget Highlights

2002 G.S.O. Budget

This budget describes the "OPERATIONS" of the General Service Office. It includes expenses of A.A. World Services (the Publishing operation) and the General Fund (Service activities). It excludes any activities reported separately in the Reserve Fund or the Capital Projects Fund. The Grapevine operations are described below in a separate report.

Income: The 2002 sales budget of \$9,706,300 is approximately \$1,876,000 less than the 2001 actual results as a direct result of the expected falloff of sales of the 4th edition Big Book. Other unit sales are approximately even. Net sales after discounts allowed are projected at \$9,456,000, approximately even with the year 2001 budget.

Manufacturing costs are budgeted approximately \$600,000 less than 2001, again due to the expected reduction in 4th edition sales from the first year introduction. Royalties are budgeted at \$135,000.

Shipping and warehousing costs are budgeted about even with 2001. Anticipated increases in postage and freight rates, and some higher warehousing costs, will offset the extra costs incurred in 2001 for the 4th edition.

Gross profit from literature is budgeted at \$4,740,900, approximately \$1,160,000 less than 2001, again a result of the expected decline in sales of the 4th edition. It is important to remember that the introductory price of the 4th edition was set at \$5.00 vs. \$6.00, thereby allowing reduced revenue on this new product.

Contributions for 2002 have been budgeted at \$4,794,000, approximately a 2% increase over 2001. The year 2001 saw the fourth year in a row that contributions received have exceeded the prior year.

Total Operating Revenue for the period is anticipated at \$9,536,900, about 10% less than 2001.

Total Operating Expenses for 2002 have been budgeted at \$10,287,300, approximately \$60,000 or ½% higher than 2001. This offsets last year's larger than usual increase, that includes expenditures to help carry the message worldwide as well as at home. For example, we are now mailing new GSR kits first class in an effort to deliver the kits in a more timely manner. For 2002, there is also a significant increase (\$90,000) in the funds allocated to "Writers' Fees" to allow for such items as translation of 4th edition stories into French and Spanish, as well as Archives and PI video projects, in addition to various recordings on CD Rom. "Other literature assistance," efforts to help translate and provide recovery material to other countries and languages than can't do it alone continues strong. Absent from the 2002 budget, and unanticipated at budget time for the 2001 budget were the costs incurred for the mailing of the 4th edition to all groups on our system and the early retirement window.

An excess of expenses over revenue of \$750,450 is budgeted. This compares with a \$381,979 net income for 2001, a \$983,211 net income for 2000, \$877,700 in 1999, \$139,600 in 1998, a \$245,000 loss for 1997, \$1,264,000 loss for 1996, a \$1,147,000 loss for 1995. The three years of losses, followed by succeeding profits, have resulted in a Reserve Fund balance of 11.6 months at 12/31/2001. After a 2002 transfer, the balance will be approximately 11 months of combined operating expenses. The operating losses allow the Reserve Fund to move slowly downward a bit.

2002 Grapevine Budget

The 2002 Grapevine Budget calls for an average circulation for 2002 of 115,500, approximately 500 copies higher than the 115,034 achieved in 2001, 115,734 in 2000, 116,000 in 1999 and 117,300 in 1998.

Income: Magazine income of \$1,754,800 is expected, just \$1,000 more than 2001. Other Publishing Income from books, cassette tapes, and miscellaneous items is budgeted at \$511,000, approximately \$79,000 higher than 2001. The increase in the "other items" category anticipates significantly higher sales of *The Language of the Heart* and the wall calendars and pocket planners.

Total Gross Profit: Combining the magazine and other publishing items, the gross profit of \$1,356,300 is budgeted, compared to \$1,270,200 achieved for 2001 and the 2001 budget of \$1,356,900.

Total Operating Expenses: Total Operating Expenses for 2002 are budgeted at \$1,440,000, approximately \$14,000 less than the 2001 actual of \$1,453,693.

Net Income: For 2002 the Grapevine just about breaks with an anticipated profit of \$188. This compares with a 2001 budgeted profit of \$283 and an actual loss of \$96,300 from operations.

2002 Spanish Grapevine Budget

Following the 1995 General Service Conference Advisory Action #7, the publication of the Grapevine magazine in Spanish was approved by the Grapevine Board of Directors and the trustees' Finance Committee of the General Service Board. Recognizing this publication as a new venture, both boards will review the financial impact on the Fellowship and the progress of circulation and continue to monitor the viability of this venture. In 2001 the Board recommended and the 2001 Conference approved that the Spanish magazine continue to be published by the Grapevine but funded by the General Fund instead of continuing to draw funds from the Reserve Fund.

For 2002 La Viña expects a gross profit on the magazine of \$11,587, compared with a \$8,193 gross profit for 2001. Circulation for 2002 is estimated at 9,000, slightly higher than the 2001 average of 8,623. Total costs and expenses are estimated at \$126,364 for 2002, compared with \$127,578 in 2001 and \$62,137 in 2000. The 2002 budget projects a net loss of \$114,777 compared with a \$119,385 loss for 2001 and a 2001 budgeted loss of \$63,116.

To date the La Viña project has incurred start-up costs/operating losses of \$564,300 as follows: \$29,500 in 1995, \$138,290 in 1996, \$102,140 in 1997, \$66,182 in 1998, \$59,224 in 1999, \$49,570 in 2000 and \$119,385 in 2001.

2001 Contributions From Groups — by Delegate Area (in U.S. dollars)

AREA #	GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA	#GPS REPORTED	#GPS CONTRIBUTIONS	% OF GPS CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTIONS PER CAPITA	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	MEMORIAL	SPECIALS	SPECIAL MEETINGS	TOTAL AREA CONTRIBUTIONS	PER CAPITA
1.	Ala./N.W. Fla.	402	214	53.2%	36,189.86	8,044	\$4.49	229.30	140.00	1663.90	374.50	\$38,083.06	\$4.73
2.	Alaska	201	82	40.8	9,473.90	3,503	2.70	624.65	100.00	3179.59	16.00	\$10,132.64	\$2.89
3.	Arizona	781	376	48.0	81,302.14	18,236	4.46	6984.89	140.00	3179.59	374.50	\$91,981.12	\$5.04
4.	Arkansas	231	120	51.8	13,594.68	4,236	3.20	1145.55	100.00	996.23	16.00	\$15,852.46	\$3.74
5.	California	1,136*	394	34.6	94,414.97	39,112	2.40	4902.24	1570.00	5257.84	2097.75	\$108,242.80	\$2.77
6.	N. Coastal	1,744	1,063	60.9	238,447.88	51,012	4.67	15829.67	1125.00	7137.12	1125.84	\$263,665.51	\$5.17
7.	N. Interior	721	386	53.4	65,202.52	20,267	3.22	3855.41	50.00	3911.18	666.16	\$73,685.27	\$3.64
8.	San Diego/Imp.	768	347	45.1	68,640.39	23,531	2.92	5556.34	70.00	1535.88	80.00	\$75,882.61	\$3.22
9.	Mid-South.	1,890	755	39.9	133,346.10	60,933	2.19	5942.53	0.00	430.66	331.27	\$140,060.56	\$2.30
10.	Colorado	605	352	58.2	71,150.50	14,441	4.92	5672.05	1050.00	25022.18	297.00	\$103,191.73	\$7.15
11.	Connecticut	1,452	560	38.5	77,898.74	34,818	2.24	2183.35	2248.00	16182.48	1213.75	\$99,666.32	\$2.86
12.	Delaware	202	127	62.8	29,298.02	3,272	8.95	216.90	60.00	1599.00		\$29,514.92	\$9.02
13.	D.C.	473	227	47.9	44,129.83	15,438	2.86	2425.65	60.00	1599.00		\$48,214.48	\$3.12
14.	Florida	676	374	55.2	75,539.85	14,953	5.04	7912.91	610.00	31605.73	35.00	\$115,603.49	\$7.73
15.	North	1,573	827	52.6	156,069.09	34,999	4.46	13360.82	270.00	33090.40	1302.27	\$204,092.58	\$5.83
16.	South	698	436	62.5	82,358.19	15,858	5.19	2704.00	1065.00	1272.95		\$87,400.14	\$5.51
17.	Georgia	302	156	51.6	30,028.08	5,541	5.41	730.08	898.56	40.00	40.00	\$31,696.72	\$5.72
18.	Hawaii	199	89	44.7	13,153.87	3,470	3.78	256.55	120.00	3531.51	421.88	\$60,760.62	\$2.12
19.	Idaho	1,172	285	24.3	53,436.50	28,725	1.85	3250.73	525.00	10644.48	332.00	\$64,076.56	\$2.91
20.	Illinois	1,084	386	35.6	49,177.39	22,016	2.22	3397.69	240.00	240.00		\$26,332.55	\$3.61
21.	North	437	177	40.4	24,813.65	7,302	3.39	1278.90	120.00	3531.51	421.88	\$60,760.62	\$2.12
22.	Indiana	640	271	42.3	36,758.61	9,292	3.96	809.35	2095.00	2330.16	71.00	\$42,064.12	\$4.53
23.	North	560	260	46.4	34,168.30	10,656	3.21	233.64	150.00	1482.54	320.00	\$36,354.48	\$3.41
24.	South	635	321	50.6	38,648.71	12,992	2.96	417.86	30.00	1946.70	0.00	\$41,043.27	\$3.16
25.	Iowa	377	169	44.8	26,355.99	9,251	2.84	248.00	150.00	5532.76	15.00	\$32,286.75	\$3.49
26.	Kansas	659	301	45.6	65,302.60	10,399	6.28	4950.37	20.00	652.62		\$70,920.59	\$6.82
27.	Kentucky	531	181	34.0	29,641.66	11,034	2.68	405.00	30.00	1584.58	25.00	\$31,651.24	\$2.87
28.	Louisiana	531	181	34.0	29,641.66	11,034	2.68	405.00	30.00	1584.58	25.00	\$31,651.24	\$2.87
29.	Maine	449	153	34.0	15,558.17	7,547	2.05	959.00	40.00	1143.00		\$17,685.17	\$2.34
30.	Maryland	930	368	39.5	70,897.55	14,945	4.73	4078.74	30.00	2225.31		\$77,231.60	\$5.17
31.	Massachusetts	1,485	535	35.9	102,732.58	50,638	2.02	3614.74	40.00	315.00	27.00	\$106,702.32	\$2.11
32.	East	249	159	63.8	22,952.87	4,728	4.84	664.55	40.00	315.00	27.00	\$23,644.42	\$5.00
33.	Michigan	568	245	43.0	39,360.27	13,427	2.93	3346.50	1265.00	1845.12	50.00	\$45,816.89	\$3.41
34.	Central	728	303	41.5	68,253.40	17,544	3.89	1581.37	50.00	1845.12	50.00	\$69,884.77	\$3.98
35.	South	466	195	41.7	35,166.19	10,000	3.51	1082.00	275.00	275.00		\$36,523.19	\$3.65
36.	Minnesota	548	238	43.4	23,966.91	8,296	2.88	1965.20	50.00	1575.00	65.74	\$27,622.85	\$3.33
37.	North	969	411	42.4	61,147.48	22,451	2.72	907.35	190.00	1197.71	99.87	\$63,352.41	\$2.82
38.	South	250	104	41.6	13,726.37	4,585	2.99	735.65	25.00	266.56		\$14,728.58	\$3.21
39.	Mississippi	525	256	48.7	48,136.61	8,809	5.46	3027.80	100.00	7776.34		\$58,940.75	\$6.69
40.	Missouri	198	105	52.9	13,316.91	6,446	2.07	2292.00	100.00	1000.00		\$16,608.91	\$2.58
41.	West	271	116	42.7	18,637.92	4,409	4.23	313.35	15.00	55.73	15.00	\$19,022.00	\$4.31
42.	Montana	646	326	50.4	44,751.25	14,399	3.10	1269.28	25.00	1202.49	30.00	\$47,253.02	\$3.28
43.	Nebraska	469	181	38.6	26,932.11	11,030	2.43	1038.05	40.00	2386.53	66.50	\$30,448.19	\$2.76
44.	Nevada	570	216	37.9	29,102.46	9,638	3.02	543.37	100.00	1735.00	40.00	\$31,520.83	\$3.27
45.	New Hampshire	1,292	502	38.9	80,327.51	32,312	2.48	5031.25	3165.00	2853.33	186.00	\$91,563.09	\$2.83
46.	North	521	256	49.1	49,854.20	9,351	5.33	1035.65	2180.00	2598.20	304.40	\$55,668.05	\$5.95
47.	South	305	164	53.7	26,052.22	5,557	4.68	627.65	25.00	3213.29		\$30,222.56	\$5.44
48.	New Jersey	683	256	37.4	37,770.33	11,037	3.41	2458.80	1025.00	6716.00	43.00	\$48,013.13	\$4.35
49.	Central	747	279	37.3	27,943.82	7,236	2.38	1900.00	100.00	1900.00	111.50	\$30,678.95	\$2.61
50.	H/M/B.	1,781	718	40.2	179,039.29	57,722	3.10	7739.75	1160.00	1544.00	575.00	\$190,058.04	\$3.29
51.	South	321	94	29.2	13,543.29	4,681	2.28	468.17	40.00	417.32	39.00	\$14,467.78	\$2.44
52.	West	926	466	50.2	85,423.43	15,038	5.67	1892.56	400.00	1871.81	190.00	\$89,777.80	\$5.97
53.	N. Carolina	1,46	64	43.7	8,246.43	2,692	3.05	114.00	40.00	1017.19		\$9,377.62	\$3.48
54.	North Dakota	677	205	30.3	26,506.12	9,775	2.71	566.49	100.00	534.82		\$27,607.43	\$2.82
55.	Ohio	1,345	283	21.0	35,689.61	22,488	1.58	410.75	100.00	729.10		\$36,929.46	\$1.64
56.	Cent. & S.E.	274	94	34.2	12,902.75	4,019	3.20	78.00	206.76	206.76		\$13,187.51	\$3.28
57.	N.W./Ohio/	550	231	41.9	36,948.60	11,231	3.28	2494.50	121.00	265.00		\$39,708.10	\$3.54
58.	S.E. Mich.	381	204	53.4	30,916.46	6,465	4.77	1565.94	220.00	2870.00	253.25	\$35,726.65	\$5.53
59.	Oklahoma	820	380	46.3	60,482.01	16,031	3.76	1583.88	20.00	2518.50	150.44	\$64,954.83	\$4.05

59.	Pennsylvania	1,356	717	52.9	137,464.01	31,893	4.30	3644.71	3685.00	5399.14	630.00	\$150,722.86	\$4.73
60.	East	780	412	52.8	50,419.11	11,076	4.54	3627.83	50.00	2443.96	10.00	\$56,500.90	\$5.10
61.	West	240	119	49.5	23,745.11	5,148	4.60	134.00	25.00	862.77		\$24,766.88	\$4.81
62.	Rhode Island	313	180	57.4	35,601.66	7,261	4.89	387.39		1423.26		\$37,412.31	\$5.15
63.	South Carolina	151	55	36.4	5,981.12	3,711	1.60	174.67		828.97		\$6,984.76	\$1.88
64.	South Dakota	477	238	49.8	42,225.23	11,152	3.79	1459.61		269.90	10.00	\$43,964.74	\$3.94
	Tennessee												
65.	Northeast	413	190	45.9	58,840.59	17,928	3.28	4324.50	127.00	5662.14		\$68,954.23	\$3.85
66.	Northwest	230	86	37.3	16,602.65	5,154	3.21	297.00	500.00	50.00		\$17,449.65	\$3.39
67.	Southeast	502	230	45.8	44,782.87	14,407	3.10	920.00		765.45	5.00	\$46,473.32	\$3.23
68.	Southwest	501	201	40.0	39,365.44	11,528	3.40	2912.80		478.00		\$42,756.24	\$3.71
69.	Utah	258	140	54.2	26,965.94	5,144	5.24	834.07		981.80	25.00	\$28,806.81	\$5.60
70.	Vermont	238	101	42.3	15,377.73	4,393	3.50	2397.13		639.61		\$18,414.47	\$4.19
71.	Virginia	1,063	617	57.9	107,131.54	20,654	5.18	3618.05	800.00	4516.17	385.79	\$116,401.55	\$5.64
72.	Western Washington	1,111	538	48.4	100,451.47	24,330	4.12	5033.23	14.00	7589.93	266.65	\$113,355.28	\$4.66
73.	West Virginia	297	134	45.1	12,587.53	3,335	3.77	143.30	114.00	442.34		\$13,287.17	\$3.98
	Wisconsin												
74.	N. Wis./Upper	649	255	39.3	26,617.73	10,676	2.48	1949.00	25.00	1020.99	25.00	\$29,637.72	\$2.78
	Pen. Mich.												
75.	South	927	430	46.4	45,866.78	17,881	2.57	303.00		252.79	58.00	\$46,480.57	\$2.60
76.	Wyoming	101	59	58.4	8,284.60	1,770	4.67	136.60		1790.09		\$10,211.29	\$5.77
77.	Puerto Rico	131	73	55.7	6,326.37	1,566	4.07	151.79		72.31		\$6,550.47	\$4.21
78.	Alberta/N.W.T.	494	242	49.0	36,656.61	8,062	4.55	209.37	13.91	1854.81	285.07	\$39,019.77	\$4.84
79.	B.C./Yukon	709	362	51.1	50,638.80	13,605	3.71	2586.24	328.65	4315.98	310.68	\$58,180.35	\$4.28
80.	Manitoba	146	60	41.1	5,212.69	3,777	1.38			139.22		\$5,351.91	\$1.42
81.	N.B./P.E.I.	199	81	40.6	6,725.84	3,478	1.93	47.97		230.69		\$7,004.50	\$2.01
82.	N.S./Nfld./Lab.	255	109	42.7	7,672.35	3,462	2.22	100.27	323.55	220.75	12.80	\$8,329.72	\$2.41
	Ontario												
83.	East	604	245	40.5	39,195.57	15,232	2.56	362.84	638.86	7035.02	406.12	\$47,638.41	\$3.13
84.	Northwest	171	48	28.0	7,569.07	2,234	3.39	755.42	31.20	1349.79	16.65	\$9,722.13	\$4.35
85.	Northwest	82	12	14.6	1,591.05	1,334	1.18	25.00		385.72		\$2,001.77	\$1.50
86.	West	517	213	41.2	31,018.29	9,869	3.14	368.63		8852.06		\$40,238.98	\$4.08
	Quebec(1)												
87.	Southwest	554	430	77.5	8,119.60	15,007	0.53	642.09	22.41	9,303.62		\$18,087.72	\$1.21
88.	Southeast	195	166	85.1	276.13	3,233	0.08	166.67	15.86	3,321.74		\$3,780.40	\$1.17
89.	Northwest	356	317	88.9	2,439.34	6,888	0.34	199.57		7,512.36		\$10,151.27	\$1.47
90.	Northwest	390	328	84.0	1,396.99	7,328	0.18	69.87		24,329.45		\$25,796.31	\$3.52
91.	Saskatchewan	293	99	33.8	8,167.10	3,615	2.26	108.45	1,319.40	794.66		\$10,389.61	\$2.87
92.	Washington East	464	167	36.0	16,218.63	6,602	2.45					\$16,218.63	\$2.46
93.	Central Calif	804	364	45.3	58,217.60	21,442	2.71	2,636.04		2,517.09	75.50	\$63,446.23	\$2.96
	Total U.S./	56,210	25,361	45.1	\$4,110,520.28	1,257,775	3.27	\$190,461.51	\$30,237.84	\$320,671.07	\$13,605.60	\$4,665,496.30	\$3.71
	Canada												
	Individual, in-memoriam, & special meetings				234,304.95								
	Specials				320,671.07								
	Total for U.S. & Canada				4,665,496.30								
	FOREIGN AND OTHER												
	On Line Meetings				1,429.97							1,429.97	
	Correctional & Hospital facility groups				192.00							192.00	
	Foreign				19,615.17							\$19,615.17	
	Internationalists				200.00							\$200.00	
	Loners				1,538.16							\$1,538.16	
	Birds of a Feather				300.00							\$300.00	
	International Doctors in A.A.				50.00							\$50.00	
	International Lawyers in A.A.				9.50							\$9.50	
	Grand Total				\$4,688,831.10							\$4,688,831.10	

CONTRIBUTION COMPARISON - 2001-2000 (in U.S. dollars)

	#GROUPS REPORTED	#GROUPS CONTRIBUTIONS	% OF GROUPS CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTIONS PER CAPITA	TOTAL PER CAPITA INCLUDING SPECIALS ETC.
U.S. & Canada 2001	56,210	25,361	45.1%	\$4,110,520.28	1,257,775	\$3.27	\$3.71
U.S. & Canada 2000	56,389	24,842	44.1%	\$3,929,906.25	1,260,928	\$3.12	\$3.55
Increase (Decrease)	(179)	519	1.0%	\$180,614.03	(3,153)	\$0.15	\$0.16

¹ Reflects not only those groups that contributed directly to G.S.O., but also those groups that contributed through their Conference Areas (per info from areas).

Calendar of Events

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the General Service Office. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided.

June

- May 31st-June 2nd—Socorro, New Mexico. State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1456, Socorro, NM 87801
- 7-9—Akron, Ohio. 67th Founders' Day. Write: Ch., Box 12, Akron, OH 44309
- 7-9—Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Western Canada Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 7-9—Calgary Alberta, Canada. 21st Annual Gratitude Round-up. Write: Ch., Central Office, #2, 4015 1st Street SE, Calgary AB, T2X 4X7
- 7-9—Santa Clara, Villa Clara, Cuba. IX Aniversario de la llegada del mensaje. Write: Com. Org. Calle 27 #156 entre L y M Vedado, CP 10400, La Habana, Cuba
- 8-9—San Diego, California. Conv. Regional Hispana. Write: Com. Org., 3628 University Ave., San Diego, CA 92105
- 14-16—Ames, Iowa. 2002 Area 24 Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 1561, Ames, IA 50014
- 14-16—North Conway, New Hampshire. 37th Area 43 Conv. Write: Ch., 1330 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, NH 03106
- 14-16—Casper, Wyoming. 27th Jamboree. Write: Ch., 1851 Kit Carson, Casper, WY 82604
- 14-16—Cache Creek, British Columbia. Cache Creek/Ashcroft 27th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 558, Cache Creek, BC, V0K 1H0
- 14-16—Campbellton, New Brunswick. Third Annual Founders Day Round Up. Write: Ch., 209 Miller Blvd., Dalhousie, N.B., Canada E8C 2A2
- 21-23—Mobile, Alabama. 21st Annual Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Ch., 6427 Grelot Road, #1605, Mobile, AL 36695
- 21-23—Palmer, Alaska. First Annual Mat-Su Solstice Round Up. Write: Ch., Box 870218, Wasilla, AK 99687
- 21-23—Waycross, Georgia. Okefenokee Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 403, Waycross, GA 31502
- 21-23—Billings, Montana. Beartooth Mountain Conf. Write: Ch., Box 23406, Billings, MT 59104
- 21-23—Brookings, South Dakota. Area 63 Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 152, Brookings, SD 57006
- 21-23—Toronto, Ontario, Canada Trillium Conf. Write: Ch., 285 Enfield, Suite S1904, Mississauga, ON, L5B 3Y6
- 28-30—Santa Rosa, California. 30th Annual Hospitals and Institution Conf. Write: Ch., Box 5150, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

July

- 4-7—Columbia, South Carolina. SERCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 50424, Columbia, SC 29250
- 5-7—Chattanooga, Tennessee. Area 64 Assembly. Write: Ch., 918 Donaldson Road, Apt. A, Chattanooga, TN 37412
- 12-14—Montgomery, Alabama. Alabama/Northwest Florida Area 1 Assembly. Write: Ch., 8121 Lillian Hwy #45, Pensacola, FL 32506
- 12-14—Sugarloaf Mountain, Carrabasset Valley, Maine. 25th Annual Maine Area Round-Up. Write: Ch., 72 Parsons Road, Portland, ME 04103
- 12-14—Wasilla, Alaska. Area Summer Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 321, Willow, AK 99688
- 12-14—Phoenix, Arizona. Pacific Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
- 19-21—Burlington, Colorado. Area 10 Summer Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 603, Limon, Colorado 80828
- 19-21—Altoona, Iowa. Capital City Conf. Write: Ch., Box 30135, Des Moines, IA 50310
- 21-26—Crested Butte, Colorado. Crested Butte Mountain Conf. Write: Ch., Box 140114, Irving, TX 750114-0114
- 22-29—Oshkosh, Wisconsin. 12 Step High Group Conv. Write: Ch., 247 W. 15th Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54902-6513
- 24-28—Tampa, Florida. 46th Annual Florida State Conv. Write: Ch., 17791-B Lake Carrolton Dr., Lutz, FL 33558
- 26-28—Washington Island, Wisconsin. Sixth Annual "Keep It Simple" Spirituality Weekend. Write: Ch., RR1 Box 143-W, Washington Island, WI 54246-9746
- 26-28—Windsor, Ontario. Windsor Essex County Conv. Write: Ch., 5513 Coronation, Windsor, ON N8T 1B2
- 26-28—Brisbane, Queensland. QYPAA 2002 Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2232, Milton, BC, QLD, 4064 Australia
- 27-28—Brookings, Oregon. 25th Annual South Coast Round-Up. Write: Ch., Box 6612, Brookings, OR 97415

August

- 1-4—Mountain View, Arkansas. 62nd State Conv. Write: Trsr., 9MC 5026, Yellville, AR 72687
- 1-4—Colorado Springs, Colorado. 17th Annual International Serenity Run. Write: Ch., Box 1143, Colorado Springs, CO 80901
- 2-4—Jamaica, New York. Fourth Annual Fellowship of the Spirit of New York. Write: Ch., 91 Charles Street, Floral Park, NY 11001
- 2-4—Toledo, Ohio. 46th State Conv. and 23rd East Central Regional Conf. Write: Ch., Box 6779, Toledo, OH 43612

- 2-4—Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Ninth Annual State Conv. Write: Ch., 6377 Alderson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2501
- 2-4—Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada. District 3 28th Annual Rally. Write: Ch., Box 814, Campbell River, BC V9W 6Y4.
- 9-11—Erlanger, Kentucky. Rule 62 Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 62, Covington, KY 41012
- 16-18—East Liverpool, Ohio. 12th Beaver Creek Getaway Weekend. Write: Box 5174, East Liverpool, OH 43920
- 16-18—Astoria, Oregon. Youngs River Round Up. Write: Ch., Box 12, Astoria, OR 97103
- 16-18—York, Pennsylvania. Fifth Annual Sunlight of the Spirit Conf. Write: Ch., Box 3538, York, PA 17402
- 16-18—Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Lakeshore Districts Conf. Write: Ch., 168 Eastmount Street, Oshawa, ON L1G 6K6
- 23-25—Grant Pass, Oregon. Sixth Annual Campout. Write: Ch., 6180 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526
- 30-1—San Francisco, California. Tenth Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 423832, San Francisco, CA 94142
- 30-1—Seattle, Washington. Tenth Annual Sponsorship Conf. Write: Ch., Box 27545, Seattle, WA 98125-2545

September

- Aug. 30-Sep. 02—Lehigh, Florida. FCYPAA 2002. Write: Ch., Box 60822, Fort Myers, FL 33906
- 6-8—Oahu, Hawaii. Seventh Annual HICYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 1002, Kailua, HI 96734
- 6-8—Hackney, London. The Cockney Conv. - London's Residential Conv. Write: Trsr., 76 Tudor Road, Hackney, London E9 7RZ England
- 12-15—Pensacola Beach, Florida. Alabama/NW Florida Area 47th Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 17934, Pensacola, FL, 32533-7934
- 13-15—Bloomington, Minnesota. 12th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend. Write: Ch., 2618 Patee Street, St. Joseph, MS 64507
- 13-15—Taos, New Mexico. 19th Annual Taos Mountain Fiesta. Write: Ch., Box 2255, Taos, NM 87571
- 13-15—Quilmes, Argentina. Congreso Intergrup. Write: Com. Org., Corrientes 2020 C.P. 1879, Quilmes, Argentina
- 27-29—Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Eastern Canada Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coordinator, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163