



Delegate Report

SENY Post-Conference Assembly

June 6, 2026



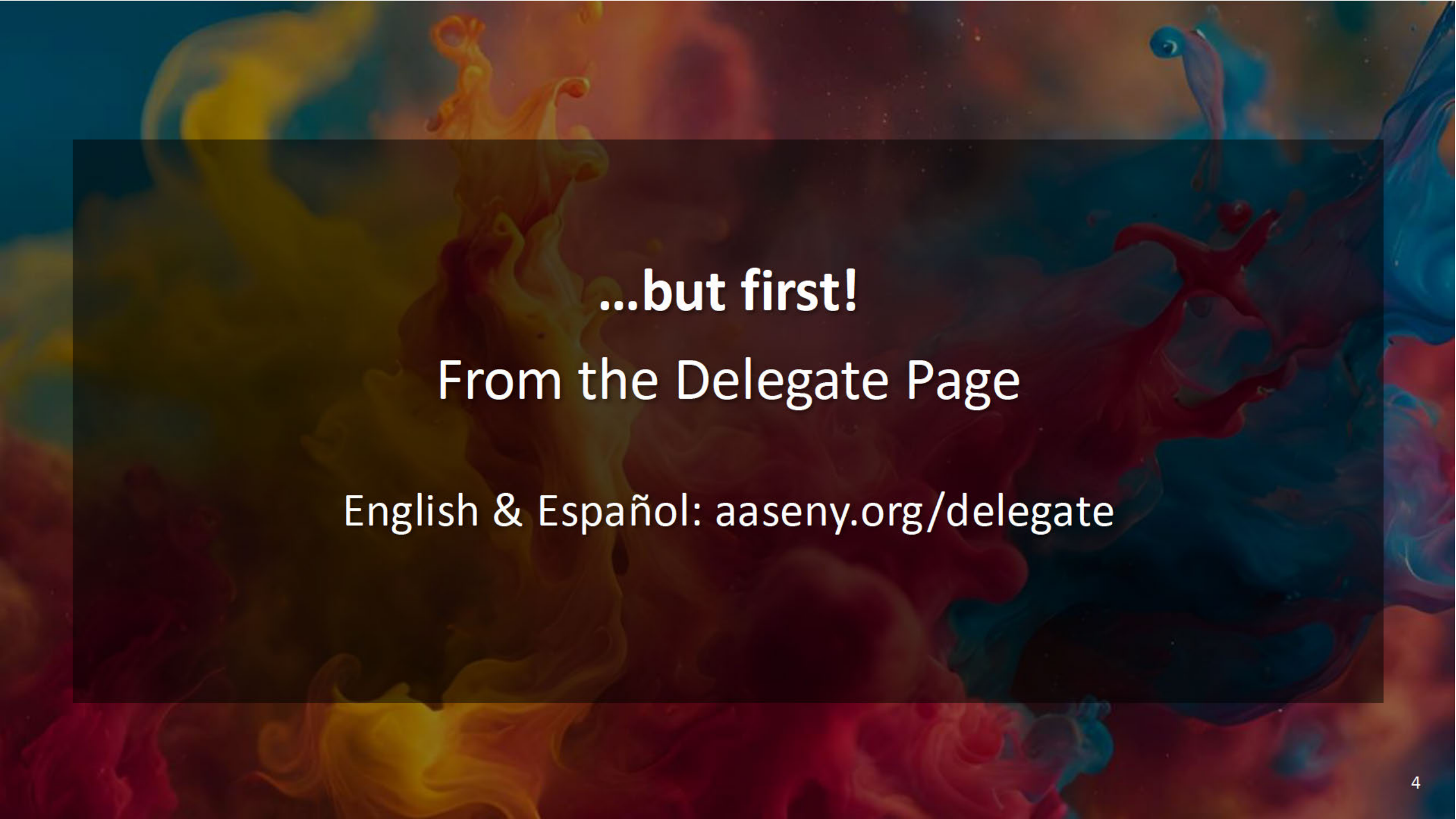
Agenda

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76th General Service Conference

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New: 76th GSC AA financial presentation is now posted.



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Your Delegate, keeping you informed.

Post-Conference Assembly - June 6, 2026

From the Delegate

What our delegate does

How our delegate is elected

The Conference

AA Videos

Glossary

 Upcoming SENY Meetings

Hybrid Saturday, June 6, 2026 - 10:00am - 3:00pm

Post-Conference Assembly

Westchester Community College and Virtual

Full report on the 76th GSC, advisory actions and committee considerations. Voting members include GSRs, Area Officers, DCMCs, DCMs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Past Delegates. Alternates can vote if the primary isn't present.

 76th General Service Conference

Conference dates: April 26 - May 2, 2026

Advisory Actions  

Committee Considerations  

Questionnaire Outcomes  

 Final Agenda Items

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 Financials

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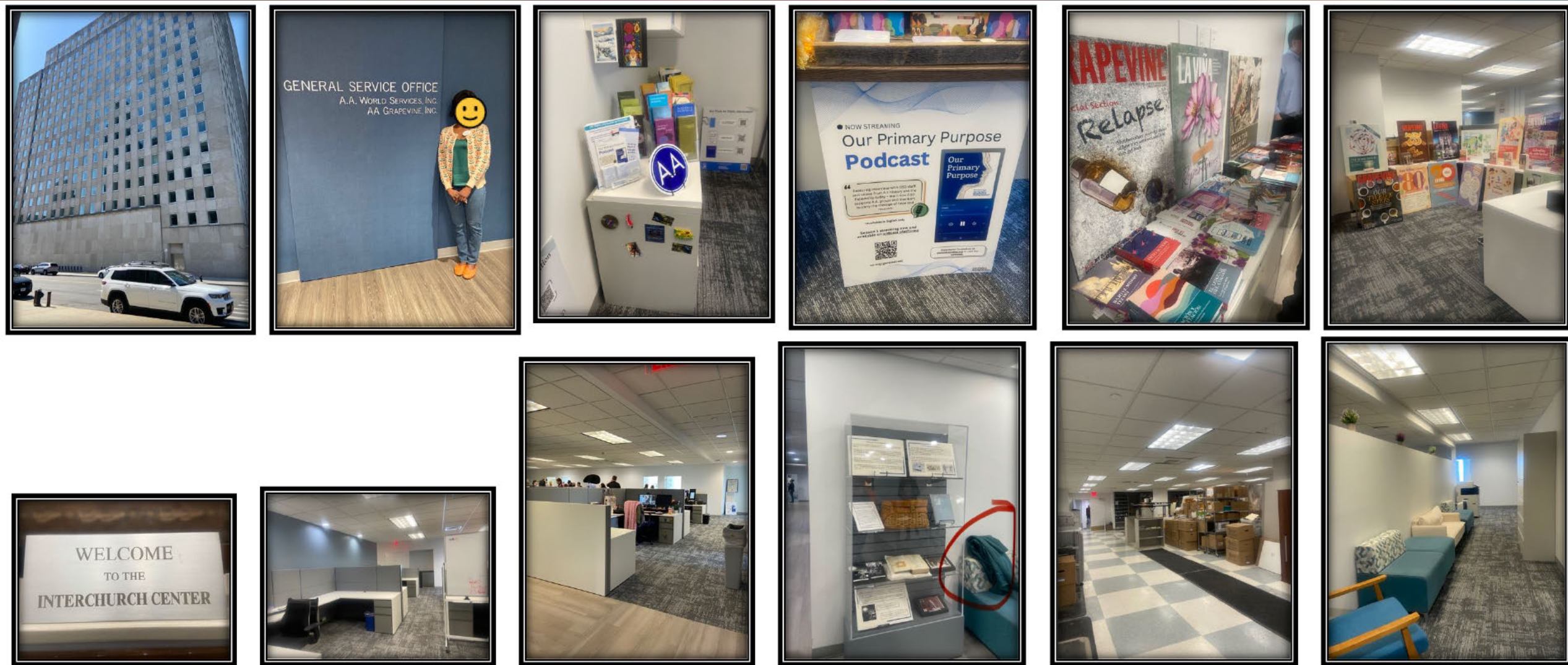
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Our General Service Office (GSO)

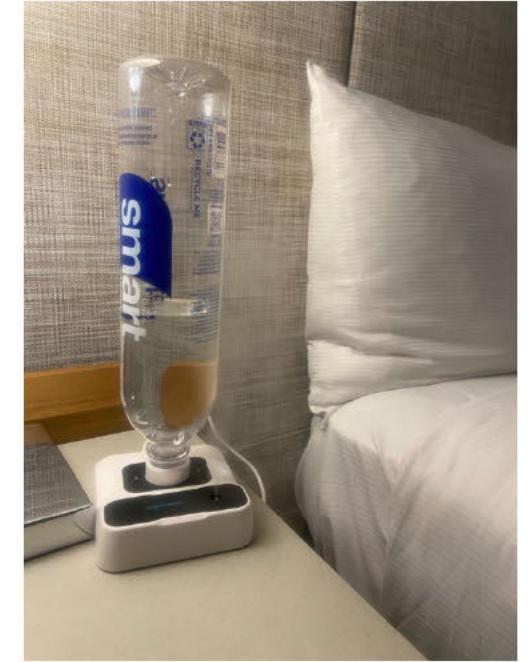


76th General Service Conference



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76th General Service Conference



7 PM
Meet and Greet - Conference
Members
Rhineland Gallery South

Opening of the Conference



Workshops - Keeping Our Own House in Order.

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Workshop section 1 — Idea to discuss:

“To conclude that others were wrong was as far as most of us ever got.” (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, page 66).

“Gossip barbed with our anger, a polite form of murder by character assassination, has its satisfactions for us, too. Here we are not trying to help those we criticize; we are trying to proclaim our own righteousness.” (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, page 67).

- Am I willing to be imperfect in service, supported by a Tenth Step admission and ongoing spiritual progress?
- Do I act with charitable assumption? [i.e., “They were almost always concerned with ways to make A.A. more effective, how to do the most good for the most alcoholics.” (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, page 181)].

Workshop section 2 — Idea to discuss:

“Nothing pays off like restraint of tongue and pen... For we can neither think nor act to good purpose until the habit of self-restraint has become automatic.” (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, page 91).

“There are few better means of self-survey and of developing genuine patience, than the work-outs these usually well-meaning but erratic brother members afford us.” (*The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*, page C-30).

- How has general service contributed to disciplined practices of inventory and pausing?
- How do I balance my triangle? How do I keep my own house in order to avoid excitement, fear, anger, worry, self-pity, and foolish decisions?
- Am I often guided by a desired outcome, or am I listening patiently for the expression of an informed group conscience?

Workshop section 3 — Idea to discuss:

“No personal sacrifice is too great for preservation of the Fellowship.” (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, page 130).

“Is he not, even in his best moments, a producer of confusion rather than harmony?” (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, page 61).

- How do I report on group conscience decisions which may not reflect my personal perspectives?
- Does my reporting balance an honest account of our personal experience while supporting the integrity of the Conference?

Our purpose in this workshop section is to **share our experience, strength and hope on the topic** and to cover the questions in each category.

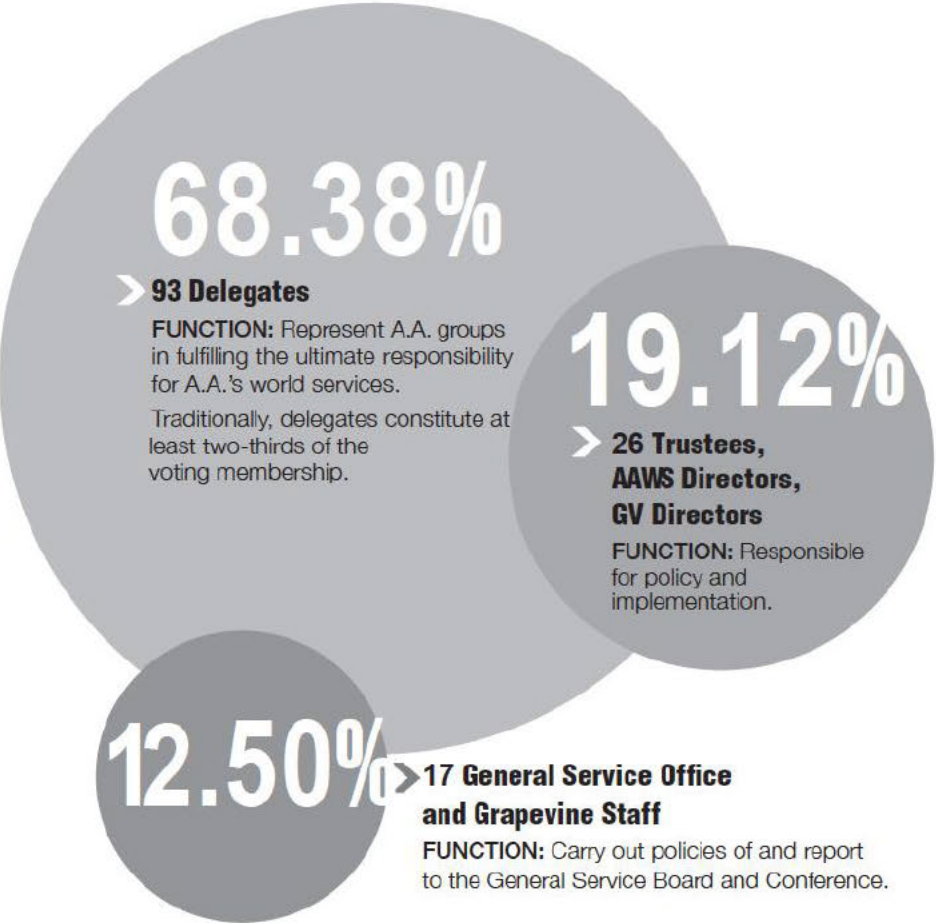
Each workshop group is like ours, **a microcosm of the Conference consisting of delegates, trustees, GSO and Grapevine Staff members, and AAWS and Grapevine directors.**

The reports from each **workshop group will be combined and summarized and will appear in the 2026 Final Conference Report.**

The Conference Structure

Who makes up the Conference?

This year there are 136 voting members of the General Service Conference acting together as guardians of A.A.'s world services and of the Steps and Traditions. They are composed as follows:



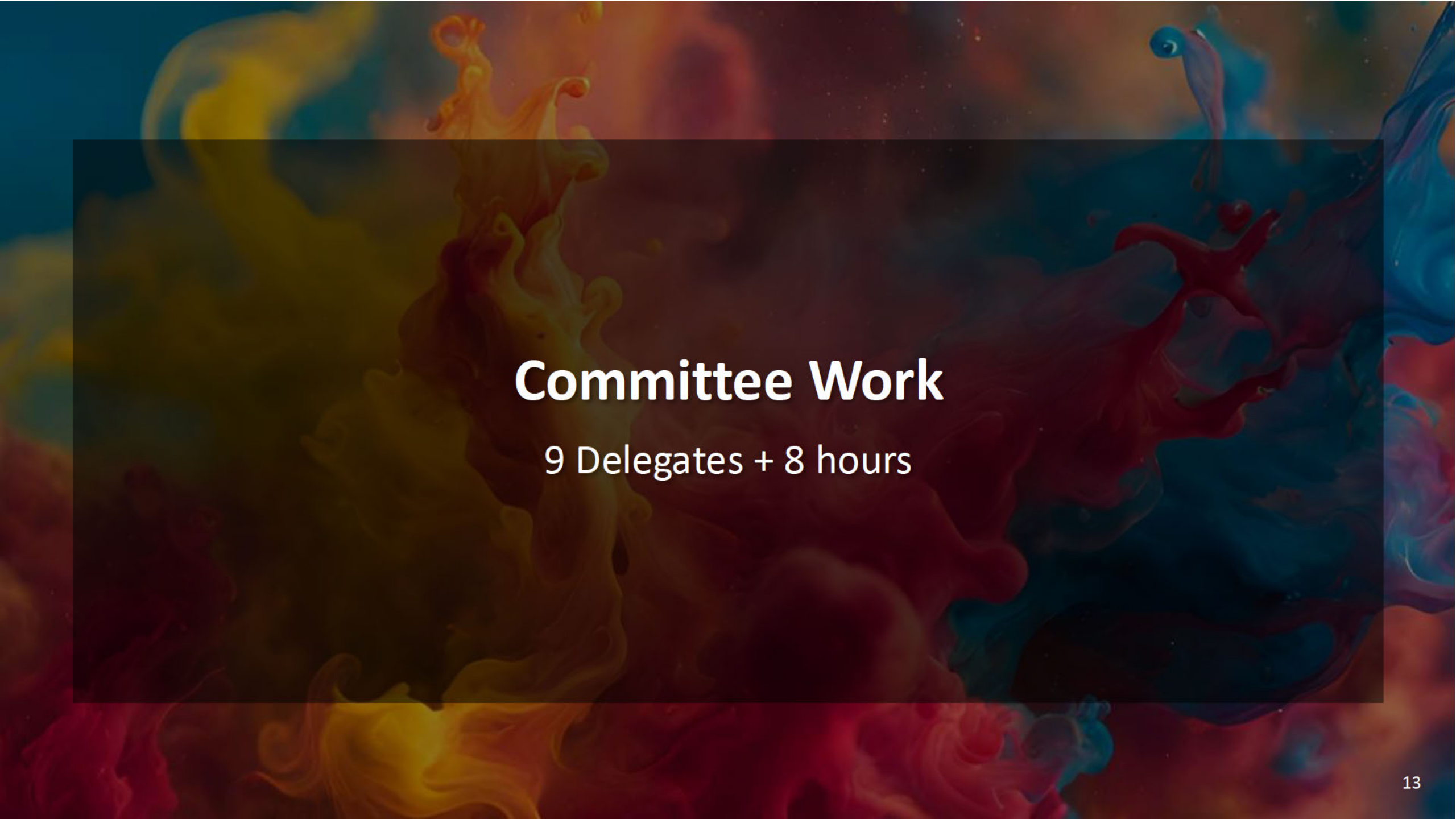
Every Conference member has not only a vote but a voice; not only a right but a responsibility to express their views.

76th General Service Conference

Statistics on Area Delegates

(93 responses)

	<u>Years</u>
Average Age	58
Oldest	80
Youngest	35
Average Length of Sobriety	22
Longest Sobriety	41
Shortest Sobriety	7
Average Length of Service	17
Longest Service	41
Shortest Service	7

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Committee Work

9 Delegates + 8 hours

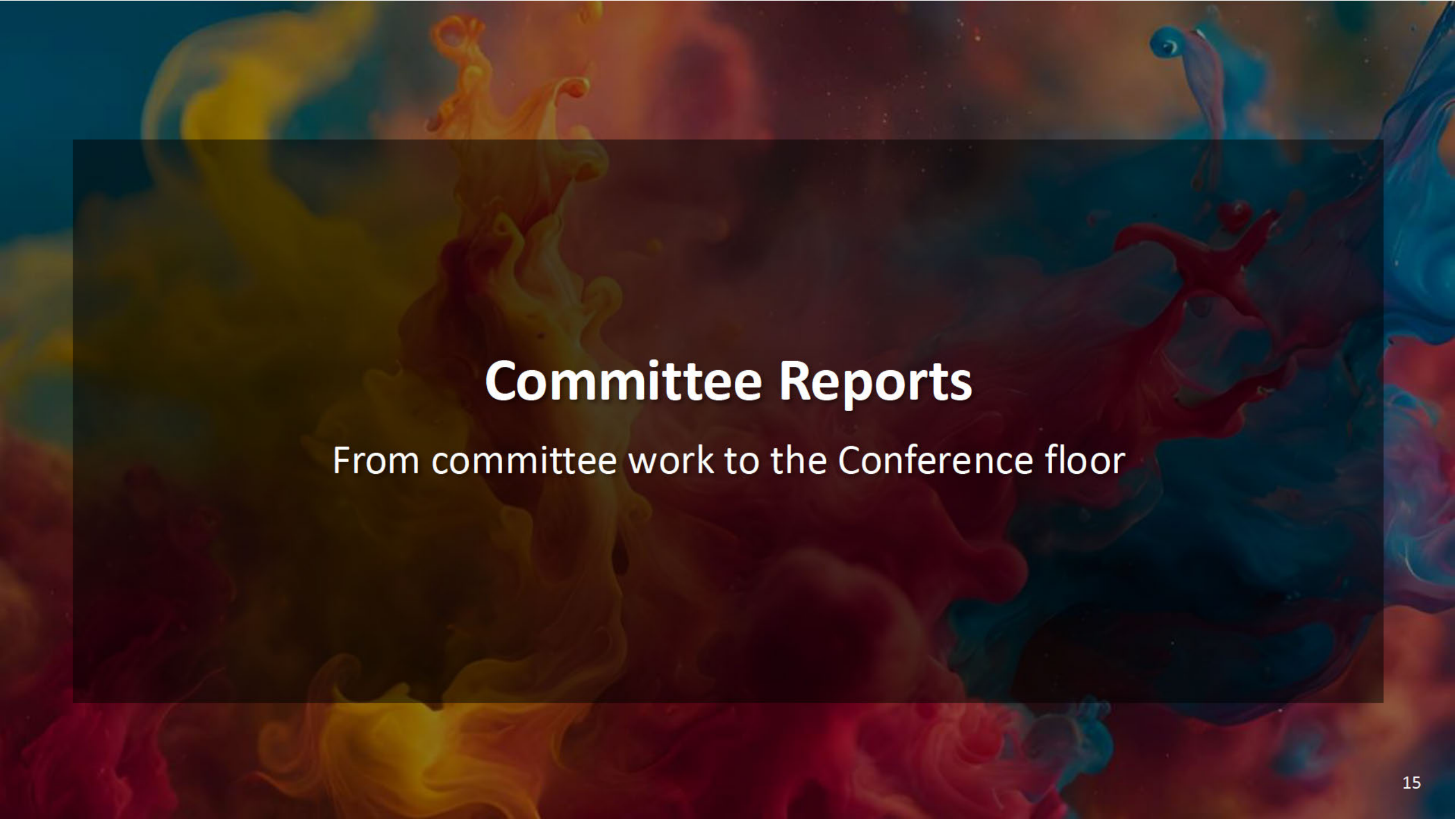
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Elections

Pacific Regional Class B Trustee

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Eastern Canada Regional Class B Trustee

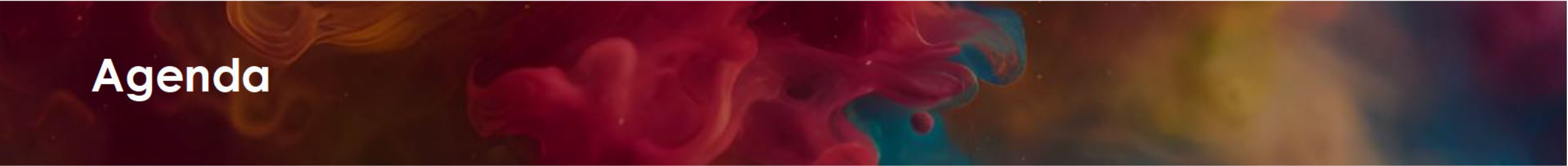


Committee Reports

From committee work to the Conference floor

Understanding Conference Committee outcomes

- **Recommendations** are formal proposal made by a committee to the full Conference for a vote. They are treated like motions that have already been seconded.
- A **Committee Consideration** is a suggestion or explanation that doesn't require a full Conference vote. It is used to share helpful feedback or to clarify why a committee took "no action" on a specific item.
- **Take no action** is a committee's formal decision not to move an agenda item forward as a recommendation to the full Conference.
- **Substantial Unanimity** refers to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. It is used to ensure that decisions **represent a broad consensus** rather than a simple majority. Its purpose is to protect the minority voice and **ensure the Fellowship is united behind any major action or change**.
- A **Floor Action** is a motion made **from the Conference floor** that was not originally on the official agenda or presented after a recommendation failed to achieve substantial unanimity.

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Agenda

2027 Conference Theme: "Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future"

DQ6: Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve.

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Many felt that Zoom has blurred our old geographic lines, creating a need for more flexible service rules. Others worry about losing the local connection and accountability that comes from serving in the community where you actually live.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- Committee **took no action**, noting the autonomy of areas and districts to establish local policies
- The committee noted the **autonomy of areas and districts in establishing local policies and procedures**.
- The committee also noted the following suggestions intended to further continue discussions on this topic:
 - Encourage discussion around this topic at **local A.A. events and Regional Forums**.
 - Continue area-wide discussions around the possibility of future linguistic and virtual areas in the United States/Canada structure.

Cooperations with the Professional Community (CPC)

DQ8: Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Most felt that shorter "sound bites" are the best way to reach busy professionals, though some cautioned against watering down the message just to follow digital trends.

Conference outcome: **Committee consideration**

- The committee considered a request that standalone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals and **took no action**. The committee **recognized the need for short-form content and noted that the office is already working in this direction**. The committee **encourages** the ongoing development of outreach material with **short-form content**.

Cooperations with the Professional Community (CPC)

Committee consideration

- "Meet A.A.'s Nonalcoholic Trustees" video series: suggested case-by-case topic selection; use native language if Class A trustee is fluent in Spanish or French
- Mental health professionals pamphlet under development progress report or draft to return to 2027 CPC committee

Corrections

DQ7: Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs.”

Area 49 Response

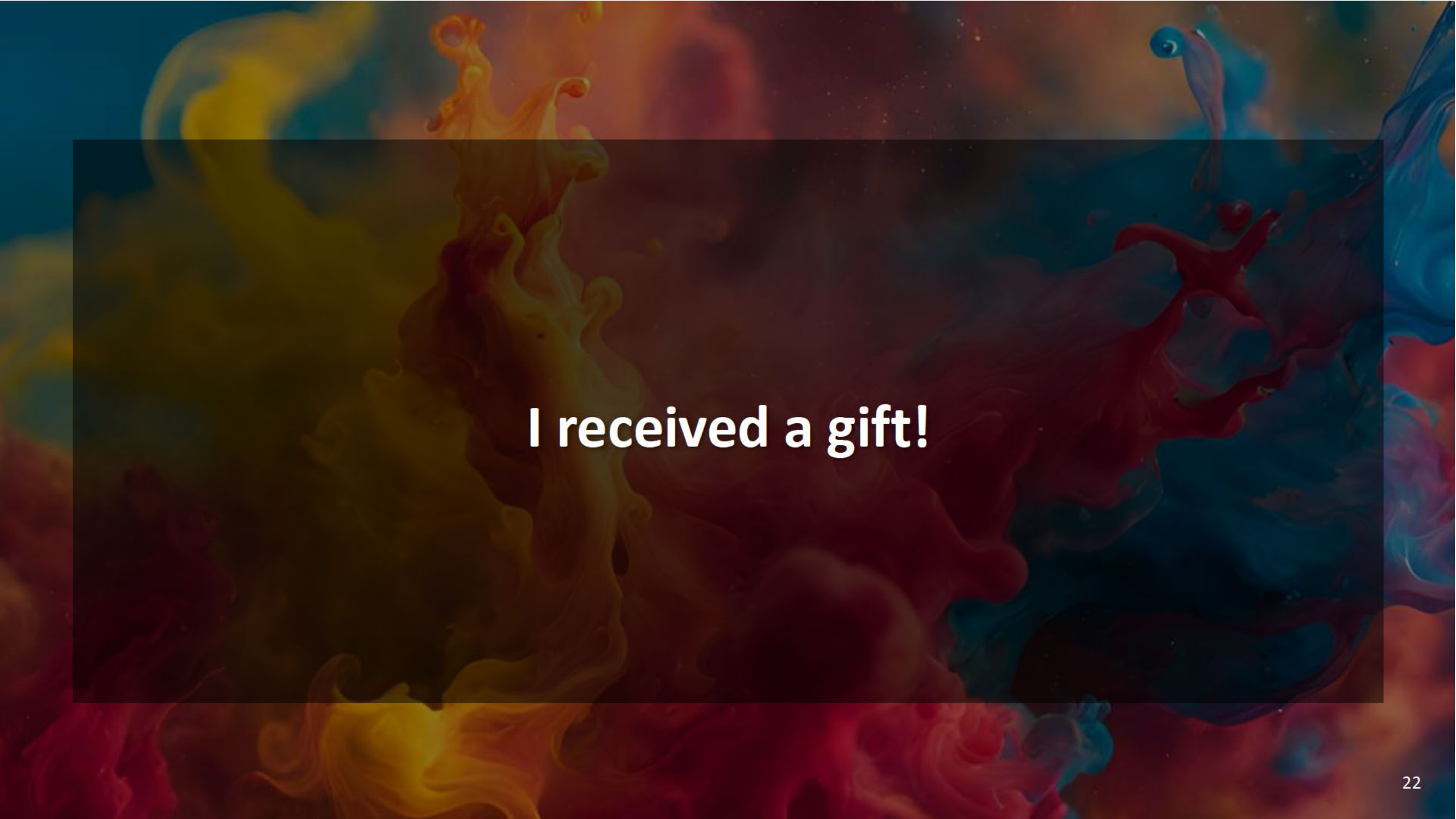
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Themes: Groups agreed that the 1984 text is long overdue for an update to reflect today's medical landscape, including mental health and pain management.

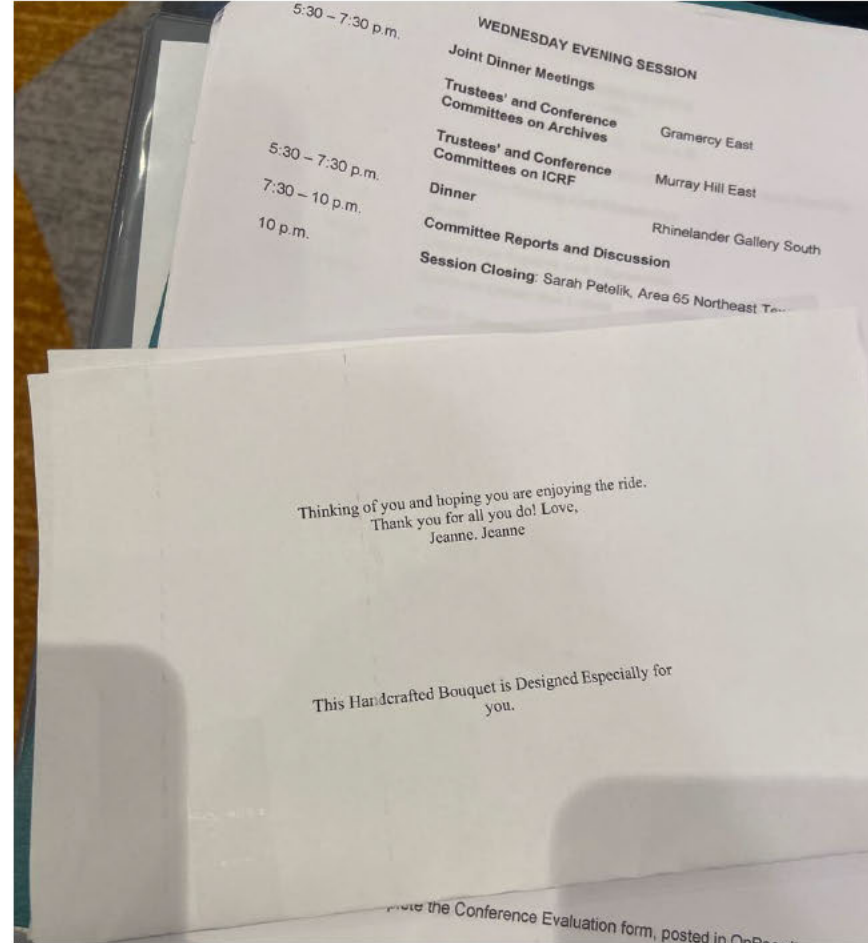
Conference outcome: **Recommendation**

- The committee recommended an update to the pamphlet and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- Transgender alcoholic pamphlet in development; progress report or draft to return to 2027 Conference



I received a gift!

Our Alternate Delegate sent sweets!!!



DQ3: Twelve Step Study Guide/Workbook

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Seen as vital for incarcerated/isolated members. Opposition feared a "prescriptive" approach replacing sponsor relationships.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- Committee **took no action** as they thought local efforts sufficient).
- **Floor action was brought:** Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.
 - **the Conference declined to consider** the floor action.

Committee Consideration

- Requested Agenda committee consider 2027 workshop on Reserve Fund purpose and current Fellowship questions
- Requested GSO/METS/trustees explore cost-saving Conference location scenarios including hybrid format; progress report to 2027



AA Financials

2025 GSO Financial Highlights

7th Tradition total: \$10,578,631 — down 6% from 2024

\$10.58M

7th Tradition Contributions

\$18.53M

Operating Expense (before
depr.)

\$7.46M

Literature Gross Profit:

\$325K

Operating Surplus (before depr.)

- Contributions — Groups and individuals gave \$421K less than expected, and \$670K less than the year before. Fewer groups are giving or giving less. Self-support covered only 57% of expenses (60% in 2024)
- GSO spent \$439K less than planned and only slightly more than 2024.
- Books and pamphlets sold for \$736K less than budgeted, but \$812K more than 2024. So sales are growing year over year
- Gross profit % dropped to 48.8% vs. budgeted 53.2% - This means costs of producing literature went up relative to what was brought in. The gap between what they sell literature for and what it costs to make it narrowed.
- Cost of program services per member: \$5.16 (based on 1.7M members)

AAWS Literature Sales: Cost vs. Margin Trend

Gross margin % over time

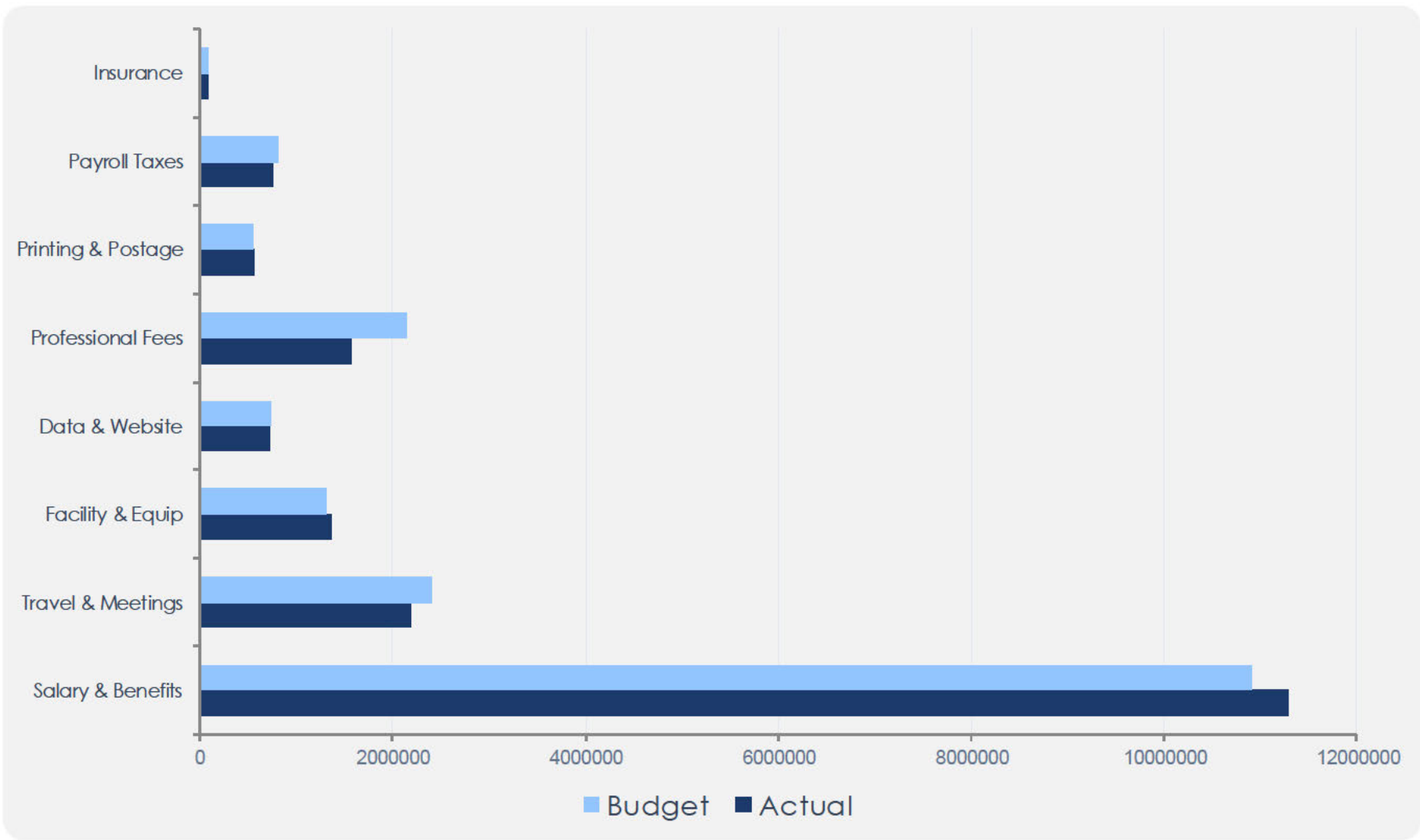
■ % of net sales kept as profit



- Before COVID, **AA was keeping about 65-68 cents of profit on every dollar of literature sold**. Then FY22 hit supply chain costs exploded, and margin cratered to 41 cents on the dollar.
- FY23-FY25 is partial recovery, but the margin hasn't come back to pre-COVID levels. **FY25 came in at 48.8%** when the budget expected 53.2% meaning production costs are still eating more than planned.
- **The FY26 budget projects 53% by leaning on the February 2026 price increases**. Whether that holds depends entirely on whether volume stays steady after prices went up.

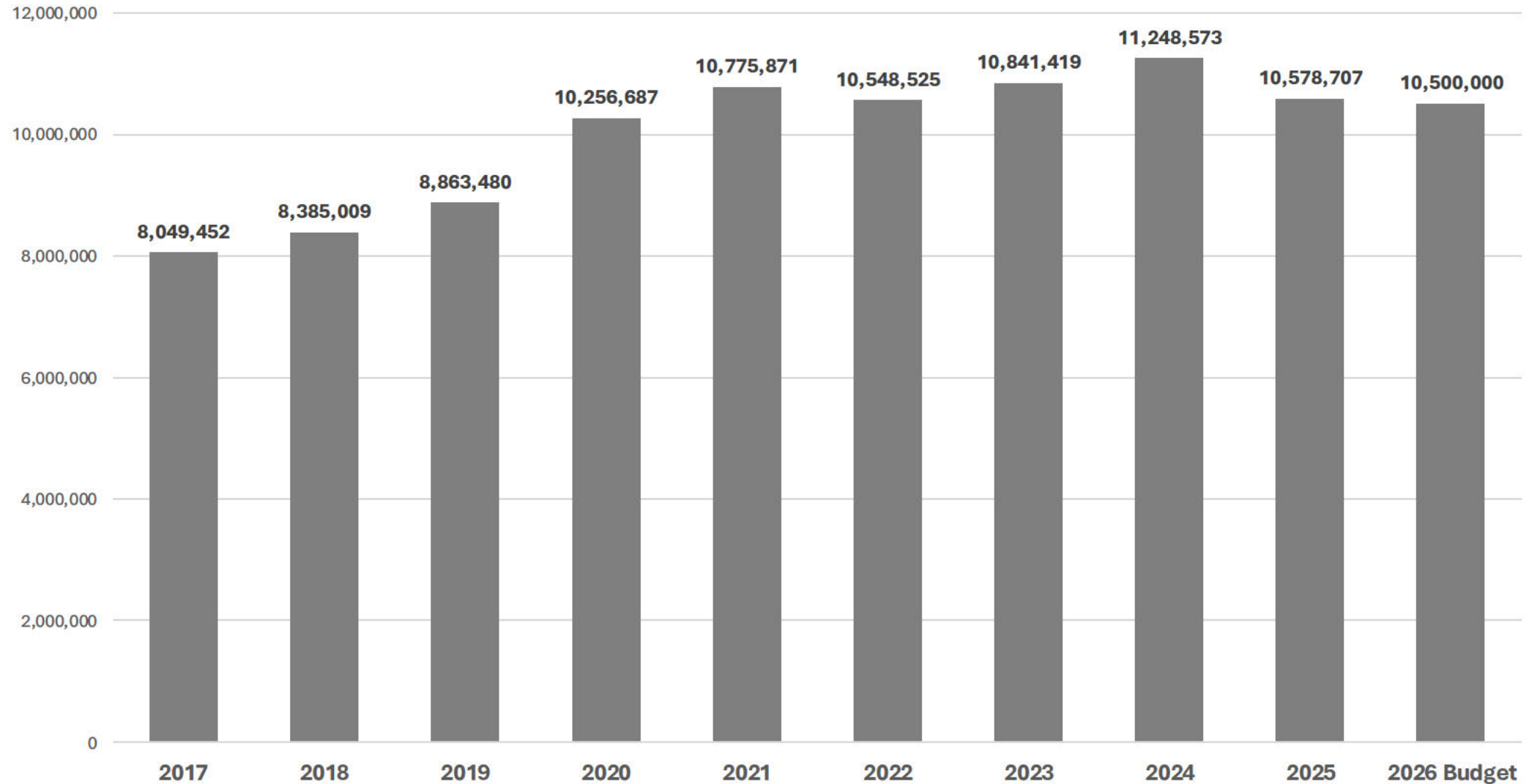
2025 GSO Expenses: Where the Money Went

Total operating expenses \$18.53M — \$439K under budget



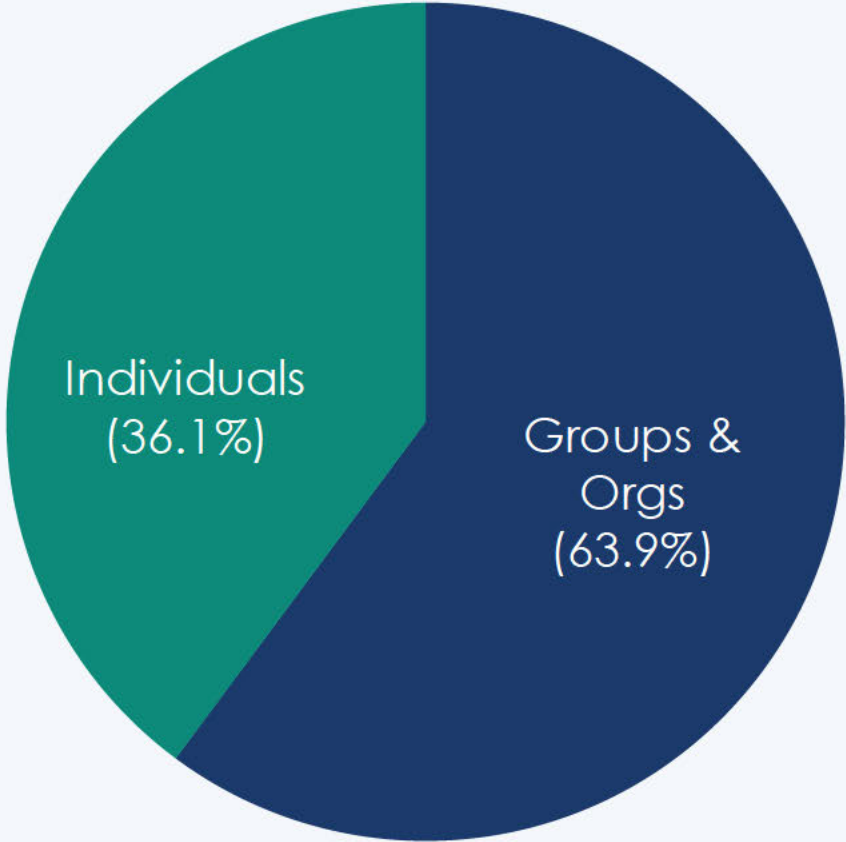
- Salary & Benefits over budget by \$368K
- Professional Fees \$580K under budget
- Travel & Meetings \$209K under budget
- 49% of expenses: people costs
- 13% of expenses: travel & meetings

Seventh tradition self-support – 2017 – 2026



2025 Contributions: Who Gives & How Much

7th Tradition total: \$10,578,631 — down 6% from 2024



■ Groups & Orgs (63.9%) ■ Individuals (36.1%)

\$6,303,951

Groups & Orgs in the service structure

\$4,173,680

Individuals

- Only 34.1% of active groups contributed
 - 53,703 active groups; 18,312 gave
- Average group contribution: \$344.25
- Average individual contribution: \$138.06
- Most common individual amount: \$50.00

2026 GSO Budget: Approved by the Board

Key change: literature price increases take effect Feb. 1, 2026

2026 Budget Numbers

Contributions revenue

\$10,500,000

Literature gross margin

\$9,895,601 (+33% vs. 2025 actual)

Total operating revenue

\$21,118,201 (+12% vs. 2025)

Operating expenses (before depr.)

\$19,765,699 (+7%)

Operating surplus (before depr.)

\$1,352,503

What Changed & Why

Price increases drive revenue jump

+\$3 on books · +15% on other items. Assumes no change in units sold

- Contributions projected flat to 2025 actual
- Expenses up 7% mainly salary increases
 - Six vacant positions to be filled in 2026
- No printed conference report. cost saving
- \$250K planned addition to Reserve Fund
- Retrofit capital spend: \$1.85M in 2026

What Is the Reserve Fund?

A General Reserve Fund is a pool of money an organization sets aside to cover deficits, and fund major one-time expenditures without disrupting normal service.

Home Group Prudent Reserve

- Covers a few months of rent & expenses
- Group conscience decides the amount
- Only used in a real emergency
- Scope: one group, local costs

GSB Reserve Fund (much bigger job)

- Covers GSO, Grapevine & La Viña deficits
- Funds major office renovations (like current retrofit)
- Absorbs extraordinary or unplanned expenses
- Scope: a \$20M+ global service enterprise

Reserve Fund: 2025 Activity

Ended year at \$11.02M — down from \$11.91M at start of 2025

\$11,914,738

Opening Balance Jan. 1 2025

+\$354,549

Investment Earnings

-\$1,246,869

Drawdowns

\$11,022,418

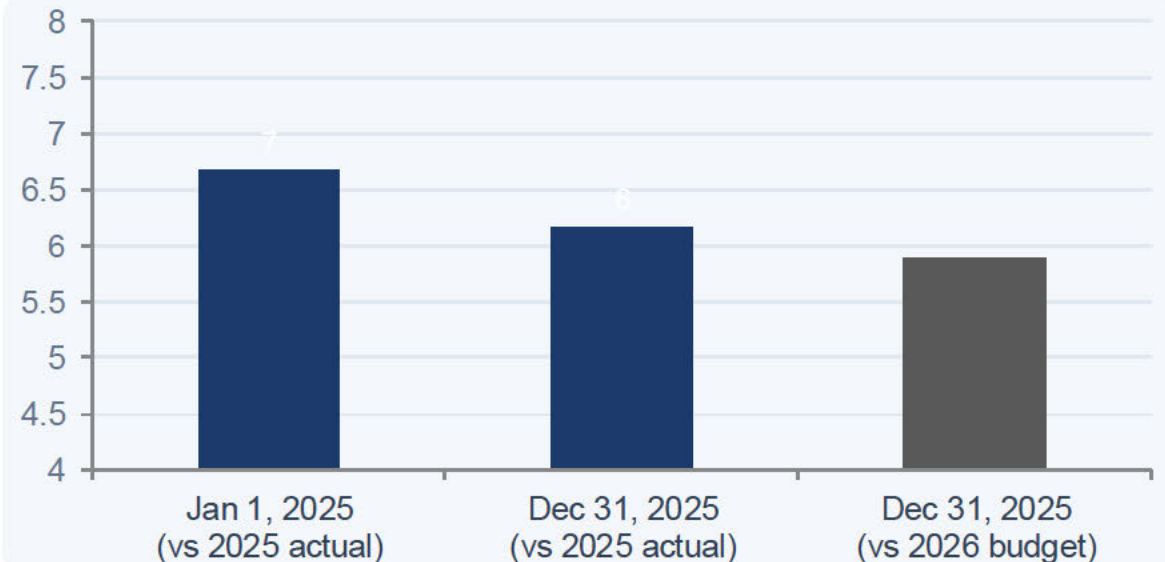
Closing Balance Dec. 31 2025

What was drawn in 2025:

- AAWS operating cash: \$500,000
- Grapevine operations: \$500,000
- Office retrofit (partial): \$246,869

Total drawn: \$1,246,869

Months of Operating Expenses Covered



Reserve Fund 2026

Anticipated year-end balance ~\$8.97M — approaching 4.79 months of expenses

Timing	Activity	Amount
Opening Balance	Ending balance from 2025	\$11,022,418
January	Retrofit drawdown (incl. \$247K from 2025)	-\$544,478
February	Retrofit drawdown	-\$469,339
February	Grapevine operations	-\$200,000
April	Retrofit drawdown	-\$79,377
TBD	Remaining retrofit (anticipated)	-\$759,937
Dec. 31, 2026 Anticipated	Anticipated year-end balance	\$8,969,287 (~4.79 months)



**AA
Grapevine**

Grapevine & La Viña

DQ5: Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Group in support thought that subscription revenue alone can't sustain digital costs like apps and podcasts, making direct support necessary. Folks against feared that contributions might pull essential funds away from GSO. A lot of our groups want to support Grapevine and some groups even mentioned that they have purchased subscriptions.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- The **committee took no action** on the request for Grapevine contributions, noting potential impacts on A.A.'s spiritual principles, Traditions, and overall service structure.
- The **committee suggested the Grapevine and General Service Boards collaborate** to find new ways to fund non-revenue services and invites further ideas for next year's Conference.

Grapevine & La Viña: A Turning Tide

2025 actuals — significant improvement for the second straight year

\$299K

2025 Operating Loss

\$852K → 75% better

vs. 2024 Loss

\$1.17M

Subscription Gross Margin

\$480K (↓ from \$572K)

La Viña GSB Support

Grapevine Key Moves

- App subscribers averaged 17,315 - **up 22%**
- **Print income +5%** (2024 price increase still flowing through)
- Online/app subscriptions **up 20%**
- Total gross margin up **21% vs. 2024**
- **Expenses 11% lower than prior year**
- **EU app launch Jan. 11, 2026**

La Viña Highlights

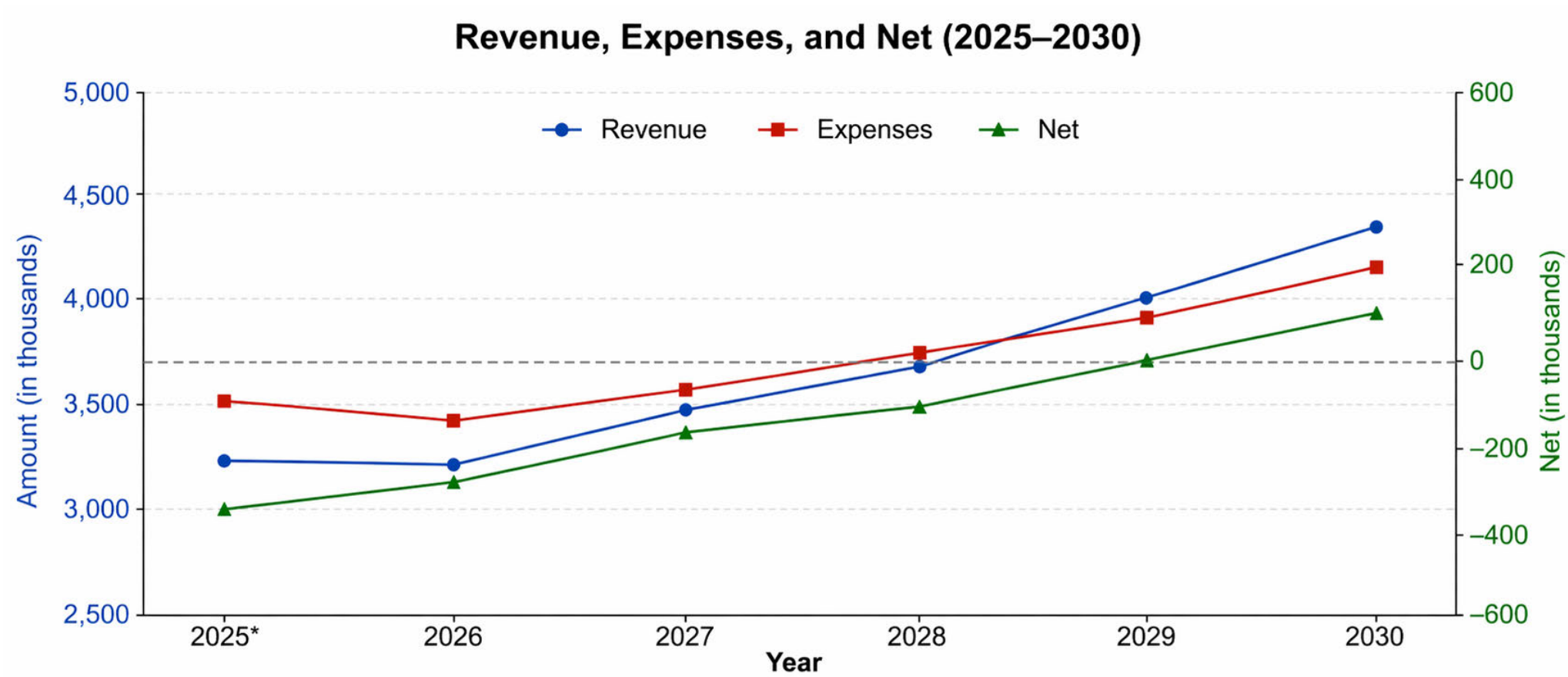
- Circulation +6% (following +17% in 2024)
- Subscription income up 36%
- Total gross margin +63% vs. 2024
- GSB support down \$275K over two years (–36%)
- 500 gift subscriptions sold in one order, Dec. 2025
- WhatsApp channel launched — 371 members

Grapevine & La Viña: 2026 Budget

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
GV Operating Loss	(\$857K)	(\$852K)	(\$300K)	(\$199K)
GV Subscription Gross Margin	—	\$766K	\$1,174K	\$1,256K
La Viña GSB Support Needed	\$756K	\$572K	\$480K	\$434K
GV Print Circulation	—	45,048	41,258	40,875 projected
GV App Subscribers (avg.)	—	14,142	17,315	8,825 budgeted*

*App subscriber budget reflects conservative projection. 2025 actual average was 17,315; the EU rollout may outperform this estimate.

Five-Year Plan



Year	2025*	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Revenue	3,225	3,217	3,511	3,729	4,018	4,366
Expenses	3,518	3,425	3,589	3,760	3,939	4,188
Net	-293	-208	-78	-31	+79	+178

* 2025 is estimated.

The Grapevine & La Viña: Where Things Stand

- Two years ago, Grapevine was losing nearly \$900,000 a year. This year, \$300,000.
- Print is declining. Digital and the app are growing.
- Over 17,000 people now carry Grapevine in their pocket — up 22% in one year. The literature is going where the people are.
- The EU launch in January 2026 put the app in the hands of members across a dozen countries.
- La Viña's gross margin is up 63% in a single year. The reserve fund support it requires has dropped \$275,000 over two years.
- The 2026 projected loss: \$199,000. Still not self-supporting but the trajectory is toward carrying the message
- Ten or eleven people produced all of it. The magazine. The app. 1.3 million podcast downloads. The YouTube channel. ASL content. More than 40 books. Doing more with less, in service.

12th Step

Outlet	Monthly contact
Grapevine Magazine subscribers	60,000
La Viña Magazine subscribers	8,000
App GV non-magazine users	21,000
App LV non-magazine users	460
Podcast listens	24,000
Instagram GV views	97,000
Instagram LV views	34,000
YouTube Channel views	3,300
Book Sales GV units	6,000
Book Sales LV units	1,040
Website visits GV	120,000
Website visits LV	3,400
Prison Tablets GV and LV content	2,000
Daily Quote Grapevine	1,575,980
Daily Quote La Viña	126,420
WhatsApp La Viña	5,292
Number of times we carry AA message each month	2,087,892

International conventions/regional forums

Committee Considerations

- The committee discussed ways of encouraging interest and participation in Regional Forums and made the following suggestions:
 - Raise visibility of the Regional Forums page on aa.org
 - Create short, anonymity-protected videos for sharing on AA platforms
 - Develop a media kit for local committees and volunteer websites
 - Communicate early and consistently across aa.org, Meeting Guide, Box 4-5-9, Grapevine, and La Viña
 - Continue exploring an abbreviated online forum option for members who can't attend in person
 - Gather shared experience from local service events on what's working

International conventions/regional forums

REVENUE	
Registration	5,575,508
Other Revenue	228,924
TOTAL REVENUE	5,804,432
EXPENSE	
Event Planning	583,331
Event Production	2,776,024
Event Communication & Attraction	1,024,060
Staff, Volunteers, and Trustees	820,769
Administrative & General	591,884
TOTAL EXPENSE	5,796,068
SURPLUS	8,364

DQ4: The Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous

Area 49 Response

Themes: Groups expressed trust in the "trusted servants" but felt unable to evaluate a confidential draft. Folks expressed attachment to the personal stories.

Conference outcome: **Recommendations**

- The committee recommended that the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous be approved. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- The committee recommended that the word "Eskimo" be removed from "Chapter 7: Working With Others" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
 - An Amendment to make it a footnote asterisk instead of removing it: **Did not Achieved substantial unanimity**

The Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous 1/2

New and revised content for the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous

1. Preface **(revised)**
2. Foreword to Fifth Edition **(new)**
3. Introduction, story section **(new)**
4. Introduction, story section Part I **(new)**
5. Introduction, story section Part II **(new)**
6. Twenty-six personal stories **(new)**
7. Appendix III – The Medical View on A.A. **(revised)**
8. Appendix IV – The Lasker Award **(revised)**
9. Appendix V – The Religious View on A.A. **(revised)**
10. Appendix VI – How to Get in Touch with A.A. **(revised)**

The Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous 2/2

12 stories from 4th editions will be included in the 5th Edition:

Dr Bob's Nightmare	The Keys of The Kingdom
Alcoholics Anonymous	Crossing the River of Denial
Number Three	Winner Takes All
Gratitude in Action	Acceptance Was The Answer
Women Suffer Too The Vicious	Listening To The Wind
Cycle	Freedom From Bondage
Jim's Story	

List of the 30 Stories not included in the 5th edition:

Our Southern Friend	A Drunk, Like You
The Man Who Mastered Fear	Window of Opportunity
He Sold Himself Short	My Bottle, My Resentments, and Me
The Missing Link	He Lived Only to Drink
Fear of Fear	Safe Haven
The Housewife Who Drank at Home	Twice Gifted
Physician, Heal Thyself!	Building a New Life
My Chance to Live	On The Move
Student of Life	A Vision of Recovery
Because I'm an Alcoholic	Gutter Bravado
It Might Have Been Worse	Empty On the Inside
Tighrope	Grounded
Flooded with Feeling	Another Chance
Me an Alcoholic?	A Late Start
The Perpetual Quest	A.A. Taught Him to Handle Sobriety

Literature

DQ9: Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: There was a strong desire to preserve the stories by publishing separately.

Conference outcome: **Committee consideration**

- Get **cost estimates, projected sales, and a breakeven analysis**
- Clarify whether this works better as a revised Experience, Strength and Hope or a new standalone volume
- Consider a new title to avoid confusion with Part II of the Fifth Edition
- **The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2028 Conference Committee on Literature.**

Committee Considerations:

- **DQ10:** The committee reviewed the progress report of the subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for **tools to access the Big Book** and requested that a progress report be brought back to the **2027 Conference Committee on Literature**.
- Living Sober draft revisions: continue in current direction; progress report to 2027
- **Spanish Big Book (4th Ed):** manuscript or progress report to 2027. **Draft should be ready by 77th General Service conference.**
- Plain Language Big Book: suggested page references to original Big Book, resizing to large print format, more detail on proposed changes
- Asian/Asian-American pamphlet in development progress report or draft to 2027

Policy/Admissions

It was recommended that:

Following the 78th General Service Conference that the Equitable Distribution Workload (EDW) process be discontinued. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**

Public Information

It was recommended that:

- Revised P-47 "Understanding Anonymity" approved with new title "Anonymity -- Our Spiritual Foundation"

Committee Considerations:

- **PSA development plan accepted;** requested feasibility exploration for Spanish-language PSA adaptable to French and English
- **Podcast Our Primary Purpose Season 3 suggestions:** archival content, Spanish/French content, episodes on service structure, newcomer focus
- **AAWS YouTube:** more shorts, user-generated Young People content, A.A. member stories
- **Meeting Guide app:** explore push notifications (progress report to 2027), financial page with contribution button, promotion to senior care professionals
- **Website:** encouraged moving forward with Young People landing page; search improvements underway

Report and Charter

It was recommended that:

The question “What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?” be added to Chapter 1 FAQs section in the 2026-2028 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and that the question and answer be included as follows:

"What Happens if Our Group Decides Not to Hear my GSR Report?"

If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity; so that members' names are not publicly available.

Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group."

Treatment and Accessibilities

DQ2: Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Desire for guidance for meeting safety and virtual security. Those opposed cited Tradition 4 (Autonomy), regional differences, and concerns about law enforcement.

Conference outcome: **Committee Consideration**

- The committee decided **not to recommend adapting the local safety videos**, primarily due to intellectual property issues and the need for a standardized format suitable for the entire U.S. and Canada.
- While they acknowledged the local district's valuable contribution in sparking a Fellowship-wide discussion, they **concluded that a "from-scratch" approach was more effective than trying to edit the existing material.**
- Instead, they **recommended that AAWS produce a new video based on current safety literature, utilizing AI or other cost-saving technologies to maximize resources.**

Trustees

DQ1: Produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “**The Twelve Steps Illustrated.**”
Produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “**The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.**”

Area 49 Response

■ Support ■ Not Support ■ Other (includes "No Clear Consensus" and "Did Not Discuss")



Themes: Overall support for visual learners and newcomers. Concerns raised about AI and potential over-interpretation of text.

Conference outcome: Recommendations

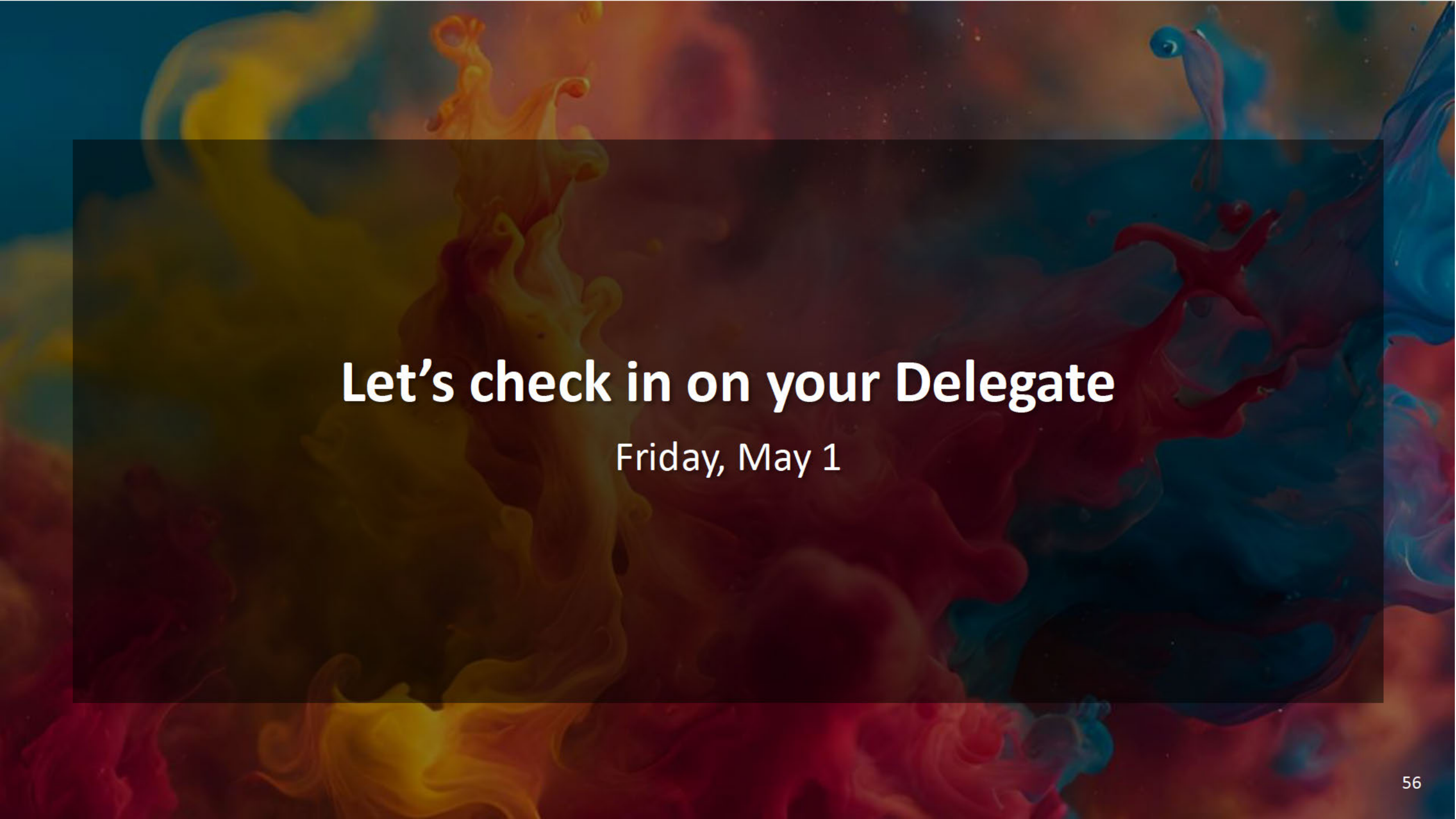
Item G (Steps): Recommended production of animated video. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**

Item H (Traditions): Recommended that Trustees Literature committee explore producing and bring back a report to the **2027 General Service conference.** **Achieved substantial unanimity.**

Trustees

It was recommended that:

- GSB trustees slate. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- GSB officers slate. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- AAWS Board board slate. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- AA Grapevine board slate. **Achieved substantial unanimity.**
- Form a GSB ad hoc committee mirroring Conference composition (delegates, trustees, non-trustee directors, staff) to review how censure and reorganization motions are received, considered, and forwarded, and to propose workflows that support Fellowship unity. **Report back to the 2027 Conference Committee on Trustees. Achieved substantial unanimity.**

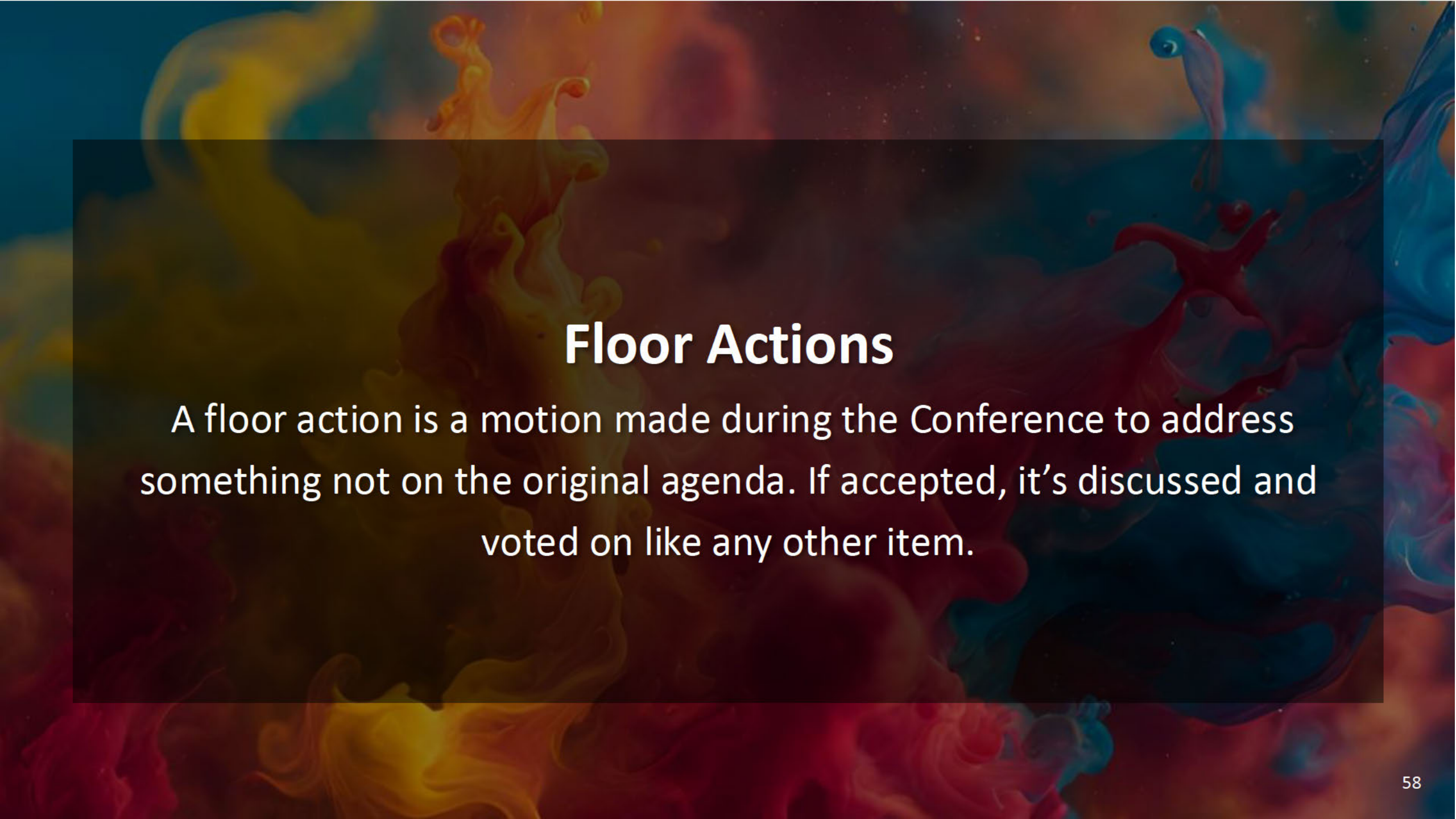


Let's check in on your Delegate

Friday, May 1

Hanging in there



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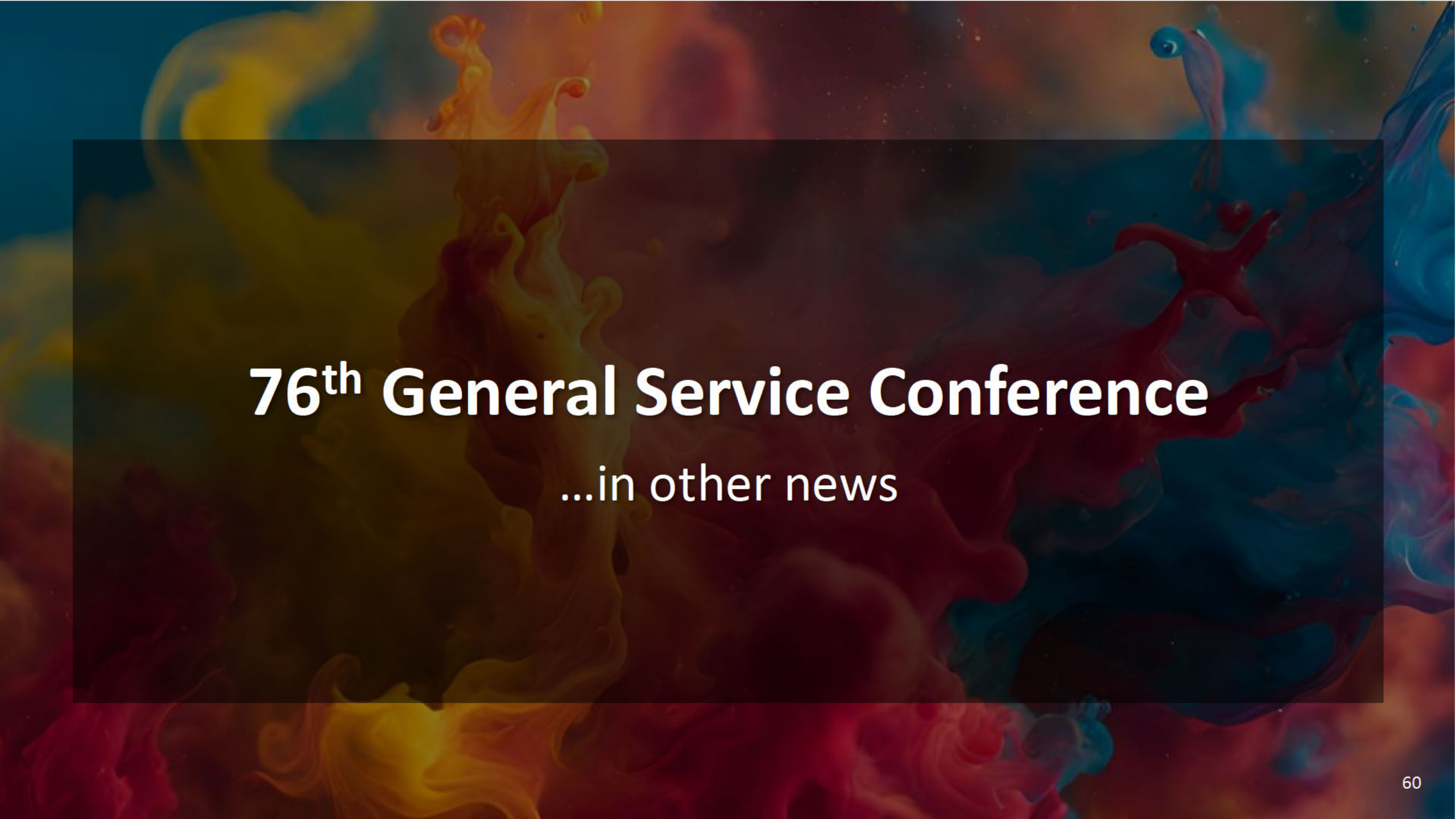
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Floor Actions

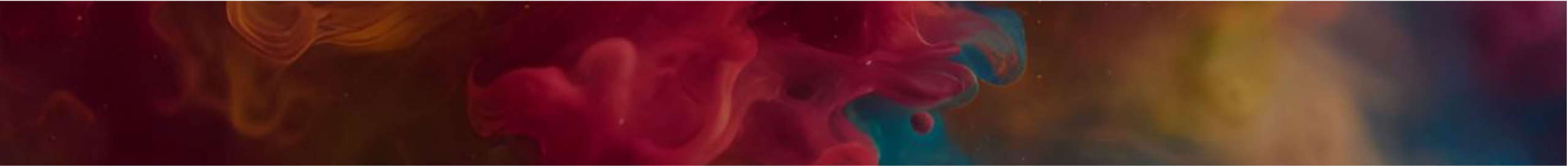
It was recommended that:

- The suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000.
- AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report (FCR) to be available for purchase. If production costs of the project are not covered by sales, the FCR print version will end for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- The word "Eskimo" be removed from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, chapter essay on "Tradition Eight" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.

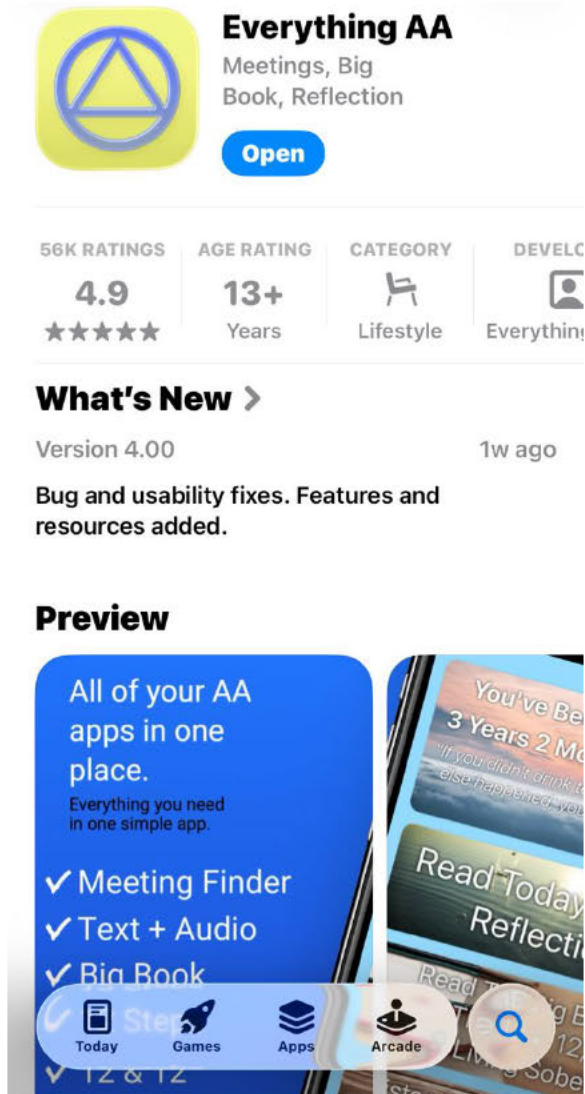
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76th General Service Conference

...in other news

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- **John W.**, Area 49 Panel 67 Past Delegate now a **Class B Trustee** named **chair of AAWS**
 - **Northeast Regional Trustee (NERT) Class B opening in 2027**
 - Area 49 will nominate a regional trustee candidate. More information to come.
 - Ten years of sobriety is recommended but is not mandatory.
 - Candidates should have experience in both Conference Area and local A.A. service.
 - Should have the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of A.A. policy and should recognize that trustees serve the entire Fellowship rather than geographical areas..

Everything AA App



AAWS, Inc. has assumed stewardship of the Everything AA app. This ensures that this "meeting in the pocket" remains a safe and spiritually-grounded resource for any alcoholic reaching out for help.

- Following the July meeting and the Sept/Oct budgeting cycle, the Board met to formally authorize the acquisition.
- This purchase gives AAWS a significant advantage in the digital space, allowing us to better reach the alcoholic who still suffers through modern technology.
- The acquisition is projected to be **revenue neutral within 8 months**, sustained entirely by subscriptions.
- Although specific financials remain confidential, there was **no draw down from the Reserve Fund to complete this purchase.**
- The Board is currently developing strategies for how to best communicate and engage with the existing subscriber base.
- The app currently serves 1 million subscribers
- Content that is not Conference-approved (such as speaker tapes) will be removed to align with our traditions.

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Gratitude for the Area 49 Hospitality Committee

Area 49 Hospitality Committee

Area 49,

Thank you so much for the Hospitality Crew for the GSC Plus 1s.

From the very first moment we arrived, you wrapped us in a love so genuine and powerful that it still echoes in our hearts. As first-timers to New York, we stepped into your care feeling a little nervous, but you quickly turned our visit into one of the most beautiful experiences of our lives. We truly felt the Love that Area 49 pours out so freely. We felt safe. We felt cherished. We felt completely at home—surrounded by our people, our family in recovery.

Your Hospitality Crew went far beyond duty. The Chair, Co-Chair, and Captains gave so generously of their time, their hearts, and their energy just to make sure two visitors from Alabama felt protected, comfortable, and deeply loved. You didn't just “babysit” us—you embraced us, guided us, and showered us with kindness that touched our souls.

Words feel too small to hold the gratitude we carry. We fell head-over-heels in love with every one of you. The laughter, the warmth, the fellowship, and the beautiful spirit of service you all embodied will stay with us forever. This trip wasn't just an event—it was a life-changing blessing, a memory we will treasure and carry with us as we continue to trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

Thank you, from the deepest part of our hearts, for making us feel so incredibly loved. We cannot wait to see your smiling faces again soon.

With overflowing Love, Light, and humble Service,

Steven & Annette
Area 1 (Alabama/NW Florida)

Back home



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One more thing...



June 6, 2011
15 years

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Questions