50th General Service Conference
"Trusting Our Future to A.A. Principles"

"When the first General Service Conference met in April, 1951, we found that about a third of its delegates were real old-timers. The rest were active A.A.'s sober four to eight years. Best of all, the majority of them had been chosen by a two-thirds vote. . . . On their first day, the delegates inspected our Headquarters, got acquainted with the service staff, and shook hands with the Trustees. In the evening there was a briefing session under the name of 'What's on your mind?' We answered questions of every description. The delegates began to feel at home. Seeing their quick understanding and confidence, our spirits rose. We all sensed that something momentous was happening; that this was a historic moment.

"One strenuous session followed another, morning, afternoon, and evening. The delegates inspected A.A.'s finances and listened to reports from the Board of Trustees and from all of the services. There was warm but cordial debate on many questions of A.A. policy. The Trustees submitted several of their own serious problems for the opinion of the Conference. With real dispatch the delegates handled several tough puzzlers about which we at Headquarters were in doubt. Though their advice was sometimes contrary to our own views, we saw they were frequently right. They were proving as never before that A.A.'s Tradition Two was correct. Our group conscience could safely act as the sole authority and sure guide for Alcoholics Anonymous."

Thus wrote co-founder Bill W. in Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, (pp. 217-18).

"As the saying goes, "The more things change the more they remain the same." And when members of the 50th General Service Conference gathered at the Crowne Plaza Manhattan, April 30-May 6 — a half a century later, there were many changes but a good deal remained the same. Delegates still toured "Headquarters" (now called the General Service Office); they still "inspected A.A.'s finances and listened [endlessly] to reports." What's On Your Mind? sharing sessions still are a popular item on the busy agenda. And, yes, sessions follow each other "morning, afternoon and evening." And, for the 50th time, it was proven that "A.A.'s Tradition Two was correct."

A connecting historical thread between 1951 and 2000 was the silver-haired, soft-spoken gentleman who gave the Keynote Address. Dennis Manders, who served the Fellowship for 35 years as the "uninitiated" (or non-alcoholic) controller/business administrator has attended 50 Conferences. Since his retirement in 1985 Dennis has served as senior advisor to the trustees' Finance Committee. Dennis shared his experience and memories of the Conference, citing various events, and told the story of being hired by Bill in 1950. When Bill asked him if he drank, Dennis allowed how he enjoyed "an occasional beer or cocktail." Bill responded, "Glad to hear that Dennis. We wouldn't want to hire a teetotaler who would be forever looking down his nose at us drunks."

Following Dennis's address, to a standing ovation, a large celebratory sheet cake was rolled in and it was time for that old A.A. tradition — a coffee break.

This year's Conference was chaired by Gary Glyn (nonalcoholic), chairman of the board; Greg M., G.S.O.'s general manager; Elaine Johnson, Ph.D., Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee, and Rick B., delegate chairperson (SE Ohio). Susan U., G.S.O. staff, was Conference coordinator.

Reverting back to a former format, this year's Conference opened on Sunday afternoon with roll call, welcomes and the keynote address.

Sunday evening the 134 Conference members (delegates from the 92 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) and their guests gathered for the opening dinner. An open A.A. meeting followed dinner, chaired by Mickey H. (Utah). The meeting was led by Bob P. (Northern Indiana); speakers were Brenda S. (Florida/Bahamas/V.I.), Don M. (Colorado), Doug R. (G.S.O. staff), Ron G. (A.A.W.S. director) and Alex P. (trustee-at-large/Canada).

With only two months left until A.A.'s 65th Anniversary celebration in Minneapolis, excitement ran high. Monday evening, following presentations by Valerie O’N., G.S.O.’s International Convention coordinator and Bonnie McC., Southern Minnesota delegate, the 475 Players (G.S.O. staff members) presented a continuation of the skit they did at last year’s Conference.

Wednesday afternoon the Conference elected two new Class B (alcoholic) trustees. Ted S., of Aberdeen, South Dakota, will succeed Carl B. as West Central regional trustee; Ric D., from Burnaby, British Columbia, will serve as the new Western Canada trustee following rotating Garry McC.

Also rotating at the end of this year’s Conference was Peter Roach, Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee from Peterborough, Ontario, who has served the board well since 1994. The new Class A trustee will be Leonard M. Blumenthal, of Rocky View, Alberta, Canada. Al P., of Mid-Southern, California, will be the delegate chairperson for the 2001 General Service Conference, Paul J., South Dakota, will be the alternate chair.

Each morning at 7:30 an open A.A. meeting met and, for the first time, a meeting was available at 3:00 pm. Following the closing Brunch on Saturday six minibuses transported delegates, family members and friends to Stepping Stones, the home of Lois and Bill W. in Bedford Hills, New York.

Throughout the week there were presentations, reports, a workshop and area service highlights. The main focus of the Conference however, is on the deliberations of each of the 13 Conference committees, and it is during the committee meetings that the major work of the Conference is done. After a joint meet-
2000 Conference Advisory Actions

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 significant Advisory Actions appear below in condensed form. A complete list will be published in the Final Conference Report.

Floor Actions—that the Correctional Facilities Kit and Workbook be designated as service material rather than A.A. General Service Conference-approved Literature; that Southern California Area 05 be granted an additional delegate area.

Agenda—that the theme of the 2001 Conference be: “Love and Service”; that the following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2001 Conference: Sponsorship, Language of the Heart, The G.S.R.’s Role in A.A.

Archives—no recommendations.

Cooperation With the Professional Community—no recommendations.

Correctional Facilities—that the revision of the pamphlet to replace “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” be approved.

Finance—no recommendations.

Grapevine—no recommendations.

International Conventions/A.A. Regional Forums—no recommendations.

Literature—that a draft copy of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, or a progress report be brought to the 2001 Conference Literature Committee.

Policy/Admissions—that the 53rd General Service Conference be held April 27-May 3, 2003, since these dates do not conflict with any major religious holidays.

Public Information—that changes concerning anonymity on the Internet be made in these Conference-approved materials: “A.A. Fact File,” “A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous,” “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings” and “Understanding Anonymity”; that the 2001 A.A. Membership Survey Questionnaire be approved with the deletion of Question #17 (regarding whether physical disability affects attendance or participation in A.A. meetings), since the responses to this question have been inconclusive in two previous surveys and the committee recognized that there are other more effective ways of determining how the A.A. message can be better carried to those who have these difficulties.


Treatment Facilities—no recommendations.

Trustees—that the slate of trustees, officers and directors of the General Service Board, A.A. World Services Board and Grapevine Corporate Board be elected.

Resumés for Trustees

Election due Jan. 1, 2001

Three new Class B (alcoholic) trustees—from the East Central (U.S.) and Southeast (U.S.) regions, and trustee-at-large/U.S.—will be nominated at the General Service Conference in April 2001. Resumes must be received at G.S.O. no later than January 1, 2001, and must be submitted by delegates only.

The new East Central regional trustee will succeed Jack O. of Illinois; the new regional trustee from the Southeast will replace Betty S. of South Carolina; and the trustee-at-large/U.S. will fill the position now held by Dean R. of Oklahoma.

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 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 resume to the Secretary, trustees’ Nominating Committee, General Service Office.
Reports From G.S.O., the General Service Board, and Trustees' Committees

General Service Board

Trustees' report: The year 2000 is an important one for our board because we are celebrating three events: this 50th General Service Conference, our International Convention in Minneapolis in June, and the 16th World Service Meeting in New York, in October.

Wednesday morning, Garry McA. will report on progress of the proposed Fourth Edition of the Big Book. The trustees' and Conference Literature Committees have established close communication so members of the Conference Committee are informed about this important project. I want to thank the past and current members who have served on the Fourth Edition Subcommittee for what has proven to be very hard work.

One of the primary ways the A.A. message is carried beyond our borders is through translations of A.A. Conference-approved literature, most often the Big Book. Alcoholics Anonymous has now been translated into 40 languages. It is fundamentally important for alcoholics to read the Big Book in words that come as close in spirit to the original 1939 English version, whatever language it is translated into. For that reason, and to support unity and help provide the funds G.S.O.s need to serve A.A. groups, A.A.W.S. has continued Bill W.'s practice of registering copyrights on A.A. literature and asking alcoholics in every country to unity around one G.S.O.

In 1997 the trustees of the General Service Board voted unanimously to endorse the resolution of the A.A.W.S. Board to preserve and protect the copyrights held in trust for all of A.A. around the world, including taking legal action, if necessary. As I reported to you last year, legal action in fact became necessary to protect our copyrights from a persistent infringer in Germany. Recently the German courts ruled that A.A.W.S.'s copyrights were valid and that they had been infringed. Given the nature of legal proceedings, I hesitate to guess at a date when this matter will be entirely behind us. I am optimistic that we will succeed in preserving our copyrights on the Big Book, which are valid outside of the United States, as well as our copyrights on the rest of our literature, which are valid everywhere. A.A.W.S., with the support of the General Service Board, is firm in its resolve to take whatever action is necessary to preserve the integrity of our literature. Legal action is distasteful and distracting for all parties, and I hope and pray that the infringing parties will stop so we can all concentrate on carrying the A.A. message to those alcoholics who have yet to hear it.

Recently we have received complaints from long-standing A.A. intergroups who have found themselves displaced from telephone directory listings by an organization that tries to get people seeking Twelfth Step calls to go into treatment. After we told this organization of the potential these actions had to confuse individuals seeking Alcoholics Anonymous, they agreed to discontinue using the A.A. name in their phone directory listings.

Since the 49th Conference, the board has hosted five Regional Forums; two outstanding Special Forums were held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Window Rock, Arizona. The trustees received with gratitude a request to hold a Special Forum in an inner city neighborhood of Chicago, which we hope to hold in 2001.

The Grapevine's management and board are looking at ways of reducing the cost of carrying out the business functions of the Grapevine.

G.S.O. finances continue to be excellent. Last year's income of $907,600 was inflated by a number of nonrecurring items and should not be considered a starting point for projecting future results. Nonetheless, we find ourselves able to finance important archives and computer network projects without hurting the Reserve Fund. Our principle of corporate poverty tells us we should spend money only when it is essential to carrying out our work, and both the archives and network projects fall into that category.

Gary Glynn (nonalcoholic) chairman.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Directors' report: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) is a New York 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 and service literature. 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 to 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 matters; 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.

Regional Forums: A.A.W.S. directors and G.S.O. and GV staff participated in five Regional and two Special Forums.

New Groups Registered: During 1999, 1,965 new groups were registered with G.S.O., compared to 2,184 in 1998. A subcommittee of the board is working on ways to improve communications with groups regarding the registration process.

Year 2000 (Y2K) Project: Due to the work of our Information Services manager and her staff, the office computer systems were totally Y2K-compliant well before year-end 1999. G.S.O.'s Information Technology crew worked on December 31, and again on January 1, to ensure that all systems were operational before the office reopened for business on January 3, 2000.

G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site: The board endorsed a plan to broaden the information on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site. Additional literature will be posted to provide material in addition to Public Information data. In 1999, the office experienced a marked increase in visits to its Web site, totaling approximately 730,000 for the year, compared to 400,000 visits in 1998. The 1998 figures reflected an average of 2,000 "hits" per day.

InterGroup Seminar: The 14th Annual InterGroup/Central Office/A.A.W.S. Seminar was held in Bradenton, Florida, October 14-17, with representatives from more than 100 offices attending.

Visitors: G.S.O. welcomed 1,097 visitors during 1999. We enjoyed visits with trusted servants from service structures in the Dominican Republic, Hungary and Colombia.

Tenth European Service Meeting: Eva S. attended the Tenth European Service Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, October 22-24. Twenty countries were represented at the meeting. Eva also visited the Munich G.S.O. and met with two members of their General Service Board, October 25-26.

International: Greg M. attended Hungary's Fifth Annual National Meeting, July 3-4, as well as a meeting with board members and staff. Greg's travels during June 27-July 6 included a stop-over at the German General Service Office in Munich. He visited the General Service Board in Helsinki, Finland, August 10-11. He also met with Finnish members who had separated from the A.A. structure. Greg continued on to Moscow, Russia, August 12-16, where he met with the Russian General Service Board and participated in the 12th Anniversary celebration of the Moscow Beginners Group. Richard Bush was present for the 25th Anniversary of A.A. in Poland, in Poznan, August 20-22. Approximately 2,000 A.A. members from a dozen countries were present. Eva S. and Danny M. traveled to El...
Salvador, where trustees Alex P. and Dean R. served as delegates to the XXI Meeting of the Americas (RDELA) in San Salvador, October 8-12. Eva also visited the G.S.O. in Guatemala City, October-14. Greg M., Dean R. and Danny M. attended the VII Mexico Convention in Mazatlan, and also visited the G.S.O. in Mexico City. Eva S. traveled to Cuba, January 21-23, for the Seventh Anniversary of A.A. in Cuba.

**2000 International Convention:** The board received regular updates on preparations for the 2000 International Convention, to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 29-July 2, 2000.

**Finance:** Through its Finance Committee, the board prepared, reviewed and recommended G.S.O.'s 2000 budget to the trustees' Finance Committee. We approved the transfer of $500,000 to the General Service Board's Reserve Fund.

**Publishing:** New hard-cover book jacket and soft-cover book designs were reviewed and scheduled to be phased in between March 2000 and March 2001. New/revised literature included the Treatment Facilities Kit/Workbook, four Spanish-language kits/workbooks and several translations. We approved expenditures of $6,000 for five Ukrainian pamphlets and $25,000 for the Mongolian Big Book. G.S.O. has moved its main U.S. warehousing/distribution operations from Kansas City to a firm called Quebecor in Church Hill, Tennessee. The transition period has worked out well, and it is expected that this change will result in savings of approximately $50,000 per year. During 1998, the board granted permission/did not object to 169 requests to reprint A.A. literature; 14 requests were denied.

**Other Board Actions:** We welcomed new regional trustee director Jim C. who replaced retiring regional trustee director Garry McA. in May 1999. In addition, the board elected a slate of officers to serve through Conference 2000. The board requested that the trustees' Nominating Committee approve Beth R. to replace Jack O. as a regional trustee director on the A.A.W.S. Board following the 2000 Conference.

G.S.O./Staff Operations: New staff member Rick W. began work at G.S.O. in November, replacing Richard B. who retired after 11 years of devoted service. Erin Lange (nonalcoholic) was hired as assistant archivist at G.S.O. At year-end 1998, G.S.O. had 83 full-time positions, compared to 82 employees in 1998.

**Archives**

**Trustees' committee:** The committee discussed the Archives Handbook, and agreed the Archives kit format would allow more frequent updates, as we learn about new preservation and retrieval procedures. We reviewed the current archives policy on the co-founders' anonymity and reaffirmed the G.S.O. Archives policy that we maintain the anonymity of all members, living or dead, including the co-founders, at the level of public media. The audio preservation specialist conducted the on-site evaluation of G.S.O.'s audio collection. His report was reviewed and forwarded to the board. It was felt that the financial concerns should not limit our efforts to proceed with the preservation work. The G.S.O. Archives will have its own booth at the 2000 International Convention and we expect many visitors.

**Archivist's report:** A new window was installed between our work area and the research room, which allows us to better monitor this area. The Archives welcomed representatives of the Danish G.S.O. Archives who researched early Danish A.A. history here. They expressed how invaluable our resources were to compile Denmark's A.A. history. Early in 1999, we received the tragic news of the death of Frank Mauser, former G.S.O. archivist. Frank took over the position in 1983 from Neil Wing, and served until the end of 1997. Memorial services were held in Vero Beach, Florida and in New York.

**Conference**

**Trustees' committee:** We reviewed the 1999 Advisory Actions, including the theme for the 50th Conference, "Trusting our Future to A.A. Principles." We also reviewed the summary of Evaluation Questionnaires submitted by Conference members, and decided to start the Conference on Sunday for various expressed reasons. We reviewed the preliminary Conference Agenda including workshop questions and presentation topics, and also considered Conference topics and forwarded subjects to the appropriate trustees or Conference committee.

**Conference coordinator:** 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 82 areas of 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 the Program, and the Conference Final Report.

**Cooperation With the Professional Community/ Treatment Facilities**

**Trustees' committee:** in 1998 the trustees' C.P.C. and trustees' Treatment Facilities Committees were combined.

C.P.C.—The committee recommended that the production and installation of the new panel for the C.P.C. exhibit proceed; a subcommittee was appointed to discuss ways to inform physicians regarding the benefits of using A.A. members as resources when attempting to help the still-suffering alcoholic.

**Treatment Facilities**—We are considering ways to further communicate the inclusiveness and diversity of our Fellowship with our friends in professional fields, using such tools as the A.A. Membership Survey pamphlets and the catalog of A.A. Literature and Audiovisual Material for Special Needs. Local T.F. committees are now carrying meetings into other noncorrectional institutional environments, e.g., shelters, nursing homes, hospices, half-way houses and not limiting their scope to "treatment facilities."

George E. Vaillant, M.D., (nonalcoholic) 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 1999 the C.P.C. staff member responded to 2,000 inquiries from professionals; 1,437 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.

Warren S.

**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 have 89 area Treatment Facilities chairpersons, 202 district chairpersons, and 19 "other" local chairpersons. We maintain
an up-to-date list of these committee chairs and provide them with information and literature. Area Treatment Facilities chairs are sent the Treatment Facilities Kit, a comprehensive guide to carrying the message in Treatment Facilities. Valuable 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. Rick W.

**Correctional Facilities**

**Trustees’ report:** We reviewed ten stories, two progress reports from the publications department as well as the new layout and illustrations for “I Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell,” and forwarded a draft to the 2000 Conference C.F. Committee, with suggestions. Informational letters about A.A. were mailed to 7,634 administrators, health professionals, and counselors, in prisons and jails at the federal, state, and local levels.

**Finance**

**Trustees’ committee:** Last year we reviewed the proposed budget for 1999 and reported that the G.S.O. expected income from operations was $174,000. Today we can report that actual results were considerably better than the proposed budget. Having previously accomplished the objective of lowering the Reserve Fund balance and maintaining it in '98, we added approximately $500,000 based on 1999 results. Today, after the transfer, the balance stands at just about 9.4 months.

We should be encouraged that 1999 contributions to G.S.O. were higher than both those received in 1998 and the amount we had hoped to receive for 1999. This represents the third year in a row that contributions have increased over the previous year and reflects a positive trend. Contributions were $202,000, or 5.0% higher than 1998 and $142,000 (3.5%) higher than our budget. During 1999, $424,000 in contributions were received from 24,355 groups. That represents 43.2% of the 56,266 groups registered with G.S.O., and is slightly less than the 44.5% that contributed in 1998. While contributions were up, the percent of groups contributing reached the lowest point of the past ten years. Net sales from literature were $5,145,000. This was $420,000, 4.3% greater than budgeted, and $233,000, or 2.6% greater than the previous year (which did not include SMAA). Book sales, as measured in units, finally stabilized after declining over the last ten years. In total, printing and other manufacturing costs, shipping expenses and royalty payments were somewhat ahead of budget, as were sales. Gross profit of $5,132,000 was $389,000 more than budgeted and $612,000 more than realized in 1998. The combination of contributions and net literature sales resulted in total G.S.O. revenue of $9,382,000, some $534,000, or 6%, greater than originally budgeted, and $830,000, or 9.6%, greater than 1998.

Total operating expenses for G.S.O. during 1999 were $8,251,000. This is $164,000 less than budget, and essentially "flat"—just 1% higher—than the previous year. The Conference-approved limit for the Reserve Fund is 12 months of combined G.S.O. and Grapevine operating expenses. At December 1999 it was just about 9 months, in my opinion, about where it should be in normal times. At $7,532,000, the Reserve Fund amounts to $131 per listed A.A. group. To give perspective to this number, contributions per group averaged about $76 for the 56,266 registered, while expenses to support services to those groups average $104. Also to give perspective, and less we get too euphoric with our level of unit book sales this past year, since 1990, our unit sales of books have declined at an average rate of about 4.5% per year. We are now selling almost one-third fewer Big Books than we were selling in 1995.

At the Grapevine, magazine income was approximately even with last year, even though circulation was down slightly. Gross profit on the magazine was $1,064,003, which was essentially the same as last year but $31,000 more than budget. Revenue of Other Items was less than budgeted by $95,000 and was also $13,000 less than last year. Gross profit on Other Items, however, was approximately $16,000 higher than 1998, due to Pocket Planner & Wall Calendar sales. Therefore, total income, including interest income, was $1,427,000, slightly greater than last year but $47,000 less than budgeted.

Costs and expenses for editorial, circulation and business, and administration were $1,443,000. This was $6,000 less than last year and $55,000 less than budget. As a result, the Grapevine (excluding La Vida) reported a loss of $22,000, some $7,000 less than budgeted, and $25,000 less than 1998. The magazine has grown from an idea to a full-fledged publication with a 1998 average circulation of close to 8,000. It appears to be a first-rate product, and hopefully it will fulfill the needs of our Spanish-speaking members and we will see continued growth in circulation. To date, the project has incurred losses each of the past four and one-half years. During 1998, subscription income was $58,600 and direct costs of publishing were $53,400, resulting in a $5,200 gross profit. Operating expenses directly associated with the publication were $64,400. These include the editorial, circulation and administrative costs attributable to La Vida. Therefore, the overall loss on the project was $59,000.

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. 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, $335,000 has been invested in La Vida. The General Service Board is carefully evaluating this project this year so we can make the best recommendation to the Conference next year. 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.

Arturo L. Knight, Jr. (nonalcoholic) chairperson

**General Sharing Session**

**Trustees’ report:** The topic for the July 1999 session was “How to Improve Communications with All A.A. Groups,” for the October Sharing Session, the discussion focused on “The Hand of A.A.: Are We Truly Available to All Who Need Us?” and last January, the topic was “Anonymity in the 21st Century: Will We Be Able to Meet the Challenge?”

Betty S., chairperson

**International Conventions/ A.A. Regional Forums**

**Trustees’ committee:**

**International Conventions—**We approved the preliminary 2000 International Convention program and accepted the list of non-A.A. speakers for Convention panels; accepted the 2000 badge design format; and reviewed and accepted the list of speakers for the Friday and Sunday Big Meetings. We are presenting an Interim Report on the general International Conventions Inventory requested by the 1999 Conference Committee, and also a proposed questionnaire to evaluate the 2000 International Convention.

**Regional Forums—**Four Regional and two Special Forums have been held since the last Conference: Northeast, West Central, East Central and the Southwest Regions hosted excl-
ing and well attended Forums. A Special Forum was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Another Special Forum was held on the Navajo Reservation in Window Rock, Arizona. Over seven different Native American tribes were represented at this Forum. The committee discussed ways of improving Regional and Special Forums.

Peter Roach, (nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: International Conventions—This assignment entails coordinating the myriad details involved in producing the A.A. International Conventions, held every five years. The 2000 Convention, in Minneapolis, June 20-22, 2000, will be a wonderful event. We trust that all attendees will experience a milestone event, gratitude and the language of the heart.

Valerie O'N.

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 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.

Doug R.

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 support, translation, literature, and maintenance of the international A.A. community and U.S./Canada General Service Board. The 16th World Service Meeting will be held October 22-26 in New York City, with the theme “A.A.—Our Future is Our Responsibility.” We are anticipating over 39 delegates representing over 28 countries. In 2000 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. We continue to be encouraged and inspired by the International A.A. community and General Service Board and offices in other countries, who carry our message to countless thousands in new regions and across difficult linguistic, cultural and economic barriers.

Dean B., chairperson

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 46 international general service offices and literature distribution centers. Other responsibilities on the assignment are: Serving as coordinator for the biennial World Service Meeting (WSM) and maintaining contact with delegates and their offices throughout the year; maintaining close communications with our Publications Department on requests for new translations of literature and the beginning of new General Service or Information offices that may be able to distribute literature to local members and groups.

Eva S.

Literature

Trustees’ committee: A summary of the literature projects of the trustees’ Literature Committee since the 1989 General Service Conference:

Ongoing Projects: A draft of the proposed Four Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous containing new stories plus the continuing stories from the Third edition will go to the 2001 Conference; a subcommittee on the proposed pamphlet for Black/African American Alcoholics has selected 14 stories to pass on to Publications for editing. A subcommittee to develop a new pamphlet for older alcoholics to replace the pamphlet “Time to Start Living” has selected stories that the Publications Department will edit and forward to the committee in May.

Richard R., 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 General Service Conference. The literature desk receives and responds to correspondence from A.A. members and groups about literature, and maintains contact with all area, district, intergroup/central offices and A.A. group literature chairpersons. The staff member on this assignment also serves as editor of Box 4-5-9.

Lois F.

Loners, Internationalists, Homers

Staff report: Loners are A.A.s who are unable to attend meetings because there are no groups nearby. There are about 333 Loners in 87 countries. Seagoning A.A.s, known as Internationalists, number about 115 with an additional 38 Port Contacts; eight Internationalist Groups meet aboard ships. We know have 166 Homers, A.A.s who are housebound due to illness or physical disability. Loners, Homers, and Internationalists stay sober by sharing experience, strength and hope 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 bimonthly bulletin which shares excerpts of letters received at G.S.O. from LIM members. There are also over 551 Loners Sponsors, sharing group activities and personal experience.

Rick W.

Nominating

Trustees’ committee: A search for a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee was made and the committee recommended to the board that Leonard M. Blumenthal serves as a Class A trustee, replacing Peter Roach, who will rotate in 2000. New procedures relating to appointed committee members and consultants were developed and recommended to the board. The committee recommended approval of William G. Herold and Jane Starke Lodbell to serve as appointed committee members on the trustees’ Correctional Facilities Committee.

Jacqueline J., chairperson

Public Information

Trustees’ report: Following is a list of some of our work over the past year: a subcommittee was appointed to review existing P.I. literature for possible inclusion of text on anonymity at the level of the “Internet”; we reviewed background from the 1996 and 1998 A.A. Membership Surveys and forwarded the Membership Survey Questionnaire to the Conference Committee. The committee reviewed extensive material and met with the trustees’ Archives Committee and representatives of A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine to discuss the issue of our co-founders’ anonymity.

Robert Miller (nonalcoholic) 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 that come in from the general public and the Fellowship. The staff member is also responsible for handling interviews with the media describing what A.A. is and what it can and cannot do. The assignment provides accurate and consistent information to the media, researchers, students and the
Reports from the A.A. Grapevine

Directors' report: The Grapevine Board met six times since the 49th General Service Conference. The Grapevine Office—Grapevine controller Bob Slabach (nonalcoholic) did an analysis of the costs involved in offering the “Bill Malter” subscription, and the actual income and circulation we derive from it. Bob's thorough analysis was examined by our auditors who found that the option provided us with far more benefit than loss.

A.A. Around the World: Adventures in Recovery will be sold at the International Convention Grapevine Booth and, at merely $5.00, brisk sales are expected.

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Staff Coordinator

Staff report: Services to A.A. groups and members are provided through 11 staff assignments; in addition staff members correspond with groups and members in a specific region. Staff members rotate assignments every two years; assignments are monitored by the staff coordinator. In 1999 staff received a total of 23,260 pieces of mail. As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling committee meetings, distributing advance materials, preparing the minutes of the board meetings, and also serves as editor of the Quarterly Report. In the past year, we welcomed many visitors from around the world.

Joanie M.
Budget Highlights

2000 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 2000 sales budget of $9,237,000 is approximately 2% less than the 1999 actual results. The budget reflects a "moderated" continuing trend of declining unit sales. Book & Booklet unit sales are estimated approximately flat when compared with 1999, (compared with a 6% decrease in last year's budget). Net sales after discounts allowed are projected at $8,989,300, approximately $156,000 less than 1999.

Manufacturing costs are budgeted $40,000 less than 1999's actual results, primarily a result of lower sales volume. Royalties, budgeted at $161,400, are on a par with 1999.

Shipping and warehousing costs are budgeted about 2% higher than 1999. Even though we anticipate an increase in postage and freight rates, a change in vendors should actually reduce our warehousing costs, thus stay approximately the same.

Gross profit from literature is budgeted at $4,991,500, approximately $140,000 less than 1999, primarily a result of the decline in sales.

Contributions for 2000 have been budgeted at $4,331,900, approximately a 2% increase over 1999.

Total Operating Revenue for the period is anticipated at $9,327,000, 5% less than 1999.

Total Operating Expenses for 2000 have been budgeted at $9,178,425, approximately 7.8% higher than 1999. Included in that larger than usual increase are costs to restore Archives treasures that are deteriorating, as well as the every other year cost to G.S.O. of the World Service Meeting.

An excess of revenue over expenses of $148,500 is budgeted. This compares with a $866,300 net income for 1999, $139,600 net income for 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 moderated profits, has accomplished the goal of reducing the Reserve Fund balance to a 9-month level.

2000 Grapevine Budget

The 2000 Grapevine Budget calls for an average circulation for 2000 of 115,000, down slightly from the 1999 average of 116,000 copies, and with the 1998 117,300 average.

Income: Magazine income of $1,732,800 is expected, just $21,000 less than 1999. Other Publishing Income from books, cassette tapes, and miscellaneous items is budgeted at $541,000, approximately $33,000 higher than 1999 as a result of anticipated calendar and pocket planner sales.

Total Gross Profit: Combining the magazine and other publishing items, the gross profit of $1,357,672 is budgeted, as compared to $1,336,200 achieved for 1999.

Total Operating Expenses for 2000 are budgeted at $1,515,795, approximately $67,000 more than the 1999 actual of $1,448,932.

Net Income: For 2000 a net loss is budgeted at $67,143 after interest earned as compared with a net loss of $22,540 achieved in 1999.

2000 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.

For 2000 La Vida expects a gross profit on the magazine of $5,960 compared with a $5,225 gross profit for 1999 and a $5,864 loss for 1998. Circulation for 2000 is estimated at 8,000 approximately equal with the 7,986 1999 average. Total costs and expenses are estimated at $72,174 for 2000, compared with $64,449 in 1999. The 2000 budget projects a net loss of $66,214 compared with a $59,242 loss in 1999.

To date the La Vida project has incurred start-up costs/operating losses of $29,500 in 1995, $138,290 in 1996, $102,140 in 1997, $66,182 in 1998, and $59,224 in 1999, approximately $395,000 in total.
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Note:
1. Reflects not only those groups that contributed directly to G.S.O., but also those groups that contributed to G.S.O. through their Conference areas (as their lists of percentages submitted by areas).
2. Group contributions reported on this schedule do not include contributions received as special, individual, in-person, and special meetings.
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

- **1-4** - Indian Wells, California. Desert Pow Wow. Write: Ch., Box 10128, Palm Desert, CA 92260-0128
- **2-3** - Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. Kawartha Dist. Conf. Write: Ch., c/o Intergroup, 625 Cameron St., Peterborough, ON K9J 5L2
- **2-4** - Grimsby, Ontario, Canada. 13th Annual Native Roundup. Write: Ch., 303 Church St., Prince Albert, SK S6V 2A7
- **2-4** - Creston, British Columbia, Canada. 25th Cache Creek/Ashcroft Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1155, Creston, BC V0A 1N0
- **2-4** - Red Bank, New Brunswick, Canada. 16th Native Roundup. Write: Ch., 70 Shore Road, Red Bank, NJ 07701.15
- **2-4** - Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada. 46th Prince Albert Gateway Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2054, Prince Albert, SK S6V 0A4
- **2-4** - Flagstaff, Arizona. Flagstaff Roundup. Write: Ch., 3120 N. Nanci Way, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- **2-4** - San Jose, California. NCC 53rd Annual Summer Conf. Write: Ch., 1308 Vine Circle, Rocklin, CA 95677-4710
- **2-4** - Leonardtown, Maryland. 25th Annual Native Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 767, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
- **2-4** - Farmington, New Mexico. Area 46 2000 Conv. Write: Ch., Box 1855, Farmington, NM 87401
- **2-4** - Houston, Texas. HCYPAA. Write: Ch., Box 37, Spring, TX 77373
- **9-11** - Calgary, Alberta, Canada. 19th Annual Gratitude Roundup. Write: Ch., c/o Parish Office, 760, 4th Ave. S.W., Calgary, AB T2P 2A1
- **9-11** - Marshalltown, Iowa. Area 24 Spring Conf. Write: Ch., Box 31, Story City, IA 50248
- **9-11** - Lincolnville, Maine. Big Book Study Weekend. Write: Ch., Box 891, Rockport, ME 04856
- **9-11** - Springfield, Missouri. 10th Annual Heart of the Ozarks Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1677, Springfield, MO 65801
- **9-11** - Akron, Ohio. 60th Founders Day. Write: Ch., Box 12, Akron, OH 44309
- **9-11** - Fort Morgan, Colorado. Mini-Weekend. Write: Ch., 917 Nancy St., Ft. Morgan, CO 80701

10-11 - Louisville, Kentucky. Second Soberfest. Write: Ch., Box 39091, Louisville, KY 40233-9091
15-18 - Hagerstown, Maryland. State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 465, Hagerstown, MD 21740
16-18 - Peter MIcMurray, Alberta, Canada. Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 248, Hagerstown, MD 21740
16-18 - Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Midsummer Campout. Write: Ch., 53 Beech St., Kingsville, ON N9Y 1E9
16-18 - Medford Lakes, New Jersey. South Jersey Young People's Conf. Write: Ch., 40 Delaware Ave., #2, Somers, NY 10589
16-18 - Cache Creek, British Columbia, Canada. 25th Cache Creek/Ashcroft Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 556, Cache Creek, BC V0A 1N0
16-18 - Coombs, British Columbia, Canada. 26th Annual Parksville/Qualicum Rally. Write: Ch., Box 264, Parksville, BC V9P 2C4
16-18 - Luna, New Mexico. Luna Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1656, Springville, AZ 85362
16-18 - Midmorning, Connecticut. Soberfest. Write: Ch., Box 28, Willimantic, CT 06226-5920
16-18 - Exeter, New Hampshire. 24th Annual OSYPA Conf. Write: Ch., Box 41001, Providence, RI 02940
16-18 - Wheeling, West Virginia. 48th Annual Freedom Fest Campout. Write: Ch., Box 5, Wheeling, WV 26004
16-18 - Manchester, Minnesota. 20th Annual Missouri Campout. Write: Ch., Box 57, Manchester, MN 55050
16-20 - Silverton, Colorado. Eighth Fellowship of the Spirit Conf. Write: Ch., Box 200, Silverton, CO 81433
16-20 - Medford, Oregon. Midsummer Campout. Write: Ch., Box 450, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10001
20-23 - Willoughby, Alaska. Third Annual Winter Conf. Write: Ch., Box 3010, Willoughby, AK 99041
20-23 - Campo, Colorado. Campground. Write: Ch., Box 157, Campo, CO 81128-0157
20-23 - Des Moines, Iowa. Capital City Conf. Write: Ch., Box 30135, Des Moines, IA 50310
21-23 - Madison, Wisconsin. 23rd Annual Freedom Fest Campout. Write: Ch., Box 51, Madison, WI 53708
21-23 - Lincoln, Nebraska. 47th Annual Summer Campout. Write: Ch., Box 3010, Lincoln, NE 68504
21-23 - Traverse, Michigan. 13th Annual Summer Camp-Out. Write: Ch., Box 57, Traverse City, MI 49686-0525
27-30 - Silver Creek, Colorado. Eighth Fellowship of the Spirit Conf. Write: Ch., Box 200, Silverton, CO 81433
27-30 - Whitecourt, Alberta, Canada. 13th Annual Summer Camp-Out. Write: Ch., Box 244, Whitecourt, AB T0B 2E0
28-30 - Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada. Dist. 6 23rd Annual Summer Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 244, Truro, NS B2N 5C1
28-30 - Montana Beach, Saskatchewan, Canada. Second Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 37, Montana Beach, SK S0K 0T0

Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

For more detailed suggestions, see the pages noted.

**June** (page 51): Along Spiritual Lines
**July** (page 31): Your Move

### July

- **13-16** - Lubbock, Texas. 26th Annual Lubbock Caprock Conv. Write: Ch., Box 6511, Lubbock, TX 79413
- **20-23** - Raleigh, North Carolina. 53rd Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 72276, Durham, NC 27712-2276
- **21-23** - Willow, Alaska. Third Annual Winter Conf. Write: Ch., Box 3010, Willow, AK 99041
- **21-24** - Cape Coral, Florida. 6th Annual Florida Conf. Write: Ch., Box 1024, Cape Coral, FL 33905
- **21-23** - Campo, Colorado. Campground. Write: Ch., Box 157, Campo, CO 81128-0157
- **21-23** - Des Moines, Iowa. Capital City Conf. Write: Ch., Box 30135, Des Moines, IA 50310
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Planning a Future Event?

Please send your information on August, September and October events two days or more, in time to reach G.S.O. by June 10, the calendar deadline for the August-September issue of Box 4-5-9.

For your convenience and ours — please type or print the information to be listed on the Bulletin Board page, and mail to us:

- **Date of event:**
- **Name of event:**
- **Place (city, state or province):**
- **For information, write:**
  - **(exact mailing address):**

Contact phone # (for office use only):

Flip up this end of page for events on reverse side.
August

3-6—Kauaikakai, Hawaii. Fifth Annual Molokai Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1202, Kauaikakai, HI 96746.
4-6—Los Angeles, California. Foothill Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 184, Montrose, CA 91021.
4-6—Normal, Illinois. 27th State Conf. Write: Ch., Box 423, Normal, IL 61761.
4-6—Seattle, Washington. Emerald City Roundup (sponsored by gay and lesbian members). Write: Ch., 1122 E. Pike St., #1006, Seattle, WA 98122-3527.
4-7—Darwin, Australia. Darwin Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 40760, Casuarina, NT 0811, Australia.
11-13—Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. 19th Annual Marathon of Unity Conv. Write: Ch., Box 22002, Woodstock, ON N4S 6Y1.
11-13—Plano, Texas. 25th Dallas Lone Star Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 83211, Richardson, TX 75082-6121.
12-13—Katherine, Australia. Katherine Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 40760, Casuarina, NT 0811, Australia.
17-20—Omaha, Nebraska. Cornhusker Roundup. Write: Ch., 1904 Virginia Ave., Bellevue, NE 68015.
18-20—Alice Springs, Australia. Alice Springs Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 40760, Casuarina, NT 0811, Australia.
25-27—Writing-on-the-Stone Park, Alberta, Canada. The Corn Roast. Write: Ch., Box 158, St. Baldo, MT 59474.

September

1-3—Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada. Slave Lake Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1202, Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A0.
8-10—Polacca, Arizona. Seventh Annual Freedom in Sobriety. Write: Ch., Box 241, Polacca, AZ 86042.
8-10—Park Rapids, Minnesota. 10th Heartland Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 3283, Park Rapids, MN 56470.
8-10—SeaTac, Washington. Sponsorship Conf. Write: Ch., Box 242, Lopez Island, WA 98261.
15-17—Taos, New Mexico. Taos Mountain Vista. Write: Ch., Box 999, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557-0009.
15-17—Seaside, Oregon. Women in Recovery. Write: Ch., Box 351, Seaside, OR 97138.
16-18—Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada. Swift Current Family Roundup. Write: Ch., 14 Site 6, R.R. 1, Wymark, SK S0N 2Y0.
29-October—Port Alberni, British Columbia, Canada. 21st Annual Rally. Write: Ch., 2314 Anderson Ave., Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2W6.