37th General Service Conference—
"The Seventh Tradition—A Turning Point"

As it has each spring for the past 36 years, the U.S./Canada General Service Conference met in New York City, April 26 to May 2; the meeting was held at the Roosevelt Hotel, as it has been for many years.

Actually, the work of the Conference is an ongoing process throughout the entire year — at the group level, in the districts and areas, at the General Service Office and in the constant work of committees, from local areas to the trustees' committees. And it is at A.A.'s annual General Service Conference that the delegates from 91 areas of the U.S./Canada, trustees, directors and staff members of G.S.O. and the Grapevine come together to express A.A.'s collective group conscience and ensure that the voice of A.A. as a whole will be heard.

"The Seventh Tradition—A Turning Point" was the theme of the 37th Conference. Even the choice of the Seventh Tradition as a theme is a kind of turning point — it has never been the theme before. Through the years Conference themes have varied — reflecting the climate and times of the Fellowship. For example, at the first Conference in 1951, after co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob turned A.A. over to the Fellowship, the theme was: Not to Govern—But to Serve. Determination to Work and Grow Together marked the theme of the 11th Conference in 1961. Sponsorship (1967), Group Conscience (1969), Our Primary Purpose (1972), the A.A. Group (1977) and A.A. Takes Its Inventory (1981) have all been the focus of attention at previous Conferences. And yet, while our tradition of self-support through contributions has not been "officially" addressed, it has, in one way or another, been discussed at nearly every Conference since 1951.

On June 10, 1987, Alcoholics Anonymous will be 52 years old, and the Conference felt that the time has come for A.A. to take a long look at self-support throughout the entire service structure. Wayne P., Southwest regional trustee, said in the keynote address at the opening of the Conference Monday morning: "Obviously, we are talking about money, and I have yet to meet an alcoholic who does not have a deep and abiding love for it as well as a deep conviction that they are experts in fiscal management. However, I do not think most of us got here because of our expertise in this area. The issue of self-support is the tradition that has saved our Fellowship, thanks to Mr. Rockefeller."

In recent years, group contributions have sometimes failed to fully support service activities — thus affecting districts, areas and intergroups, as well as the General
Service Office. On Monday afternoon the Conference heard presentations on finance, and it was pointed out that G.S.O. has come to rely more and more on publishing income for group services and General Service Board activities, expenses that should be provided by group contributions. It was further noted in the presentations that publishing income has come increasingly from non-AA sources. This has the potential to create Sixth Tradition problems as well.

In the past year, the General Service Board has had a self-support project, informing areas through the delegates of the details of the current shortfall in contributions. The 37th Conference noted with gratitude that the Fellowship has responded with increases of from 30% to 50% in contributions from last year's levels for the past five months. It was noted that a continuation of this trend for the next year and a half would bring the Fellowship essentially to a level of self-support from which the rates of increase enjoyed in the past, in proportion to the growth of the Fellowship, would suffice.

The Conference also noted with approval the plan of the Grapevine for comprehensive long-range planning leading to redefinition of the use of the magazine, together with more effective communication of its role in twelfth-step work. The Grapevine, like everything else we do, has one primary purpose — to carry the message.

The main concern of the Conference was, as it has always been, Alcoholics Anonymous' primary purpose — reaching the still-suffering alcoholic. On Tuesday morning Conference members heard two reports on the Native North American Project, and Thursday the Conference recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee develop a special pamphlet sharing personal stories of Native Americans.

Tuesday afternoon there was a presentation/discussion session: "Are We Carrying the Message to All?" and the three presentations addressed what is being done for hearing- and visually-impaired alcoholics, and other language groups. "Court Programs—Current Problems and Solutions," a subject of much interest in many areas, was the presentation/discussion topic Wednesday afternoon. There were also reports on the Ninth World Service Meeting, held in Guatemala in October of 1986.

The Conference approved the recommendation of the Conference Literature Committee for the revision of the Conference-approved pamphlet, "Too Young?" which has been updated and is graphically more appropriate for today's young alcoholics. Another revised pamphlet, developed by the Correctional Facilities Committee that was approved, was "Memo to an Inmate Who May Be an Alcoholic." Conference members viewed and approved a film targeting young people, developed by the Public Information Committee, and a film based on the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

Wednesday afternoon the Conference elected three new Class B (alcoholic) trustees. W.F. (Webb) J., British Columbia/Yukon, will replace Helen H. as trustee-at-large, Canada; Jan W., Northwest Texas, replacing Wayne P., as Southwest regional trustee and the new Northeast regional trustee will be John S., Northern New Jersey, replacing Garrett T.

Delegate chairperson for the 1988 Conference will be Joyce K. (Northeastern Ohio); alternate chairperson, Dick P. (Northern Florida).

Sandwiched between committee meetings, general sessions, presentations, reports and area highlights, two workshops afforded Conference members the opportunity to share their concerns, experience, strengths and hopes on Unity and Living Sober.

Friday afternoon, after the committee reports and advisory actions had been completed, the last presentation/discussion topic was: "Maintaining the Basics—A.A.'s Principles," reiterating once more what Alcoholics Anonymous is all about. As was said in the keynote address: "The Conference structure works, and what we must do is show up when we are asked to and allow our Higher Power to guide us in carrying our message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic. After all, that is what all of this is about, one drunk helping another."

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**Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 1987**

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1. At the end of 1986, we had reported members from 68 of the 115 overseas countries with A.A. groups. These totaled 25,608 groups and 578,180 members. To establish an estimate for the 47 countries not yet responding, we excluded the eight largest responding and obtained an estimate of the balance. This average was applied to the 47 and the overall estimate emerged.
2. U.S. and Canada only.

The estimated group counts in the U.S. and Canada include only those that ask to be listed at G.S.O.; thousands do not.

Among listed groups in the U.S. and Canada, many do not report membership figures. For each nonreporting group, an estimate of membership is arrived at by taking an average among reporting groups within the Conference area concerned. Even among reporting groups, membership figures include only those now active and attending meetings; there is no way to count sober members who no longer have a home group.
1987 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. The most significant Advisory Actions appear below in condensed form. A complete list will be published in the Final Conference Report.

Agenda—that the theme of the 38th Conference be "Our Singleness of Purpose—Key to Unity"; that "Self-support" be a presentation/discussion topic for the next five years.

Cooperation With the Professional Community—that area assembly chairpersons be asked for information on area interest in having tabletop exhibits; that the title of the pamphlet "A Clergyman Asks" be changed to "The Clergy Ask."

Correctional Facilities—that all areas be encouraged to begin working in the direction of establishing an area institutions correspondence service; that the trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee find a method of adapting the film "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" into the Spanish language, and that the committee also consider the feasibility of translating the film into French.

Finance—that the objectives of the Five-year Plan be approved, and be reviewed monthly; the plan projects increased contributions and periodic literature price decreases which would make us self-supporting in five years or less.

Grapevine—that delegates focus their efforts on the district service structure as a means of reaching individual groups to make them aware of the value of the Grapevine as a recovery tool; that the Grapevine Board establish a mechanism for timely communications to all Conference members of actions taken and progress toward resolution of serious management problems.

Literature—that the trustees' Literature Committee undertake development of a daily reflections book based on individual A.A.'s (including Bill W.'s) sharing based on the Traditions and Steps; that a draft of a pamphlet for the Native North American be prepared by the trustees' Literature Committee and forwarded to the 1988 Conference; that a service item regarding A.A.'s primary purpose be made available.

Policy/Admissions—that when a Conference committee recommendation involves a substantial expenditure of money, an estimate of costs will be part of that recommendation; that a Conference Archives Committee not be formed at this time.

Public Information—that the trustees' Public Information Committee explore the feasibility of adapting the film for young people into Spanish and French.

Report and Charter—that an eleventh chapter, about the Grapevine, be included in the A.A. Service Manual; that suggested changes be made in the A.A. Service Manual.

Treatment Facilities—that the contact sponsorship report developed by the trustee's Treatment Facilities Committee be developed into a service piece and included in the Treatment Facilities Workbook.

Trustees—that the current practice of selecting directors for both A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Corporate boards be continued, but that they should not necessarily be restricted to New York City and vicinity.

Digest of Agenda

Sunday, April 26: Opening dinner and A.A. meeting

Monday, April 27: Welcome; Roll call; Area delegate chairperson; Keynote; General Service Board report; Reports of Grapevine and A.A.W.S.; Trustees' committees' highlights; Presentation/discussion: "Finance — the Seventh Tradition"; Joint trustees' and Conference committee meetings; Presentations/discussions: "Right of Decision" and "Use of Surveys in Making Conference Decisions"; Radio/TV spots and filmstrips

Tuesday, April 28: Native North American Project report; Presentation/discussion: "Publishing — Too Much?"; Conference committee meetings; Presentation/discussion: "Are We Carrying the Message to All?"; Visit to G.S.O. and Grapevine offices; Delegates' meeting

Wednesday, April 29: Conference committee meetings; Presentation/discussion: "Grapevine"; Ninth World Service Meeting report; Presentation/discussion: "Court Programs — Current Problems and Solutions"; Regional trustees and trustee-at-large Canada elections; Workshop: "Unity — Let's Talk About It"

Thursday, April 30: Conference committee reports and discussion; Sharing session: "What's on Your Mind?"

Friday, May 1: Conference committee reports and discussion; Workshop: "Living Sober — Growing Together or Apart?"; Presentation/discussion: "Maintaining the Basics — A.A.'s Principles"; Closing talk

Saturday, May 2: Closing brunch; Farewell talks; Closing remarks

Reports on Area Service Highlights: At intervals, Panel 37 delegates shared area experiences.
Reports From G.S.O., the General Service Board, and Trustees' Committees

General Service Board

Trustees' report: Nineteen eighty-six was a particularly eventful year. Situations which seemed to be serious indeed early in the year were resolved or greatly improved. As a result, the year ended on a happy and harmonious note.

First let me discuss some events involving the Grapevine. I reported to the 1986 Conference, that the board formed an oversight committee and engaged outside consultants to examine the Grapevine operation. In due course the two consulting firms reported their findings and recommendations as to changes. The managing editor became dissatisfied with the direction in which the study was proceeding, and ultimately tendered her resignation.

An interim management team is now in place. The board looks forward to the completion of its examination of the Grapevine, by a new ad hoc committee and by the Grapevine Board itself. We confidently expect that the ultimate result will be a continuing, viable role for the Grapevine in A.A.

In 1986 I also emphasized the board's concern regarding our financial structure, in particular, the deviation from a condition of self-support. The fact that a substantial part of the deviation from our Tradition of self-support, that is, from a condition of self-support by our own contributions, has been made up by publishing income derived from outside sources is of particular concern to the General Service and the A.A.W.S. Boards.

Much has been done since then: A.A.W.S. mounted a vigorous campaign of communication to the Fellowship, and already there is indication of a heartening response.

A number of common concerns of intergroups and central offices arose in recent years. To respond to these and to the needs of the G.S.O. publishing operation, a seminar was organized among representatives of 82 intergroups and central offices. The attendees requested another one this year, which G.S.O. is in the process of organizing.

The 1986 Conference chose three possible sites for the 1990 International Convention, with the specific selection to be accomplished by the General Service Board. Seattle, Washington, was selected.

The 1986 Conference theme were reviewed, and major activities or topics of concern to the Conference Committee might make itself available to the Conference Policy and Admissions Committee as a resource in the latter's deliberations on the feasibility of a Conference Archives Committee. Material relevant to the feasibility of creating a Conference Archives Committee was gathered and presented to the secretary of the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.

The Archival Handbook was revised to reflect additional information reported from the more than 60 centers for area archives in the U.S. and Canada.

A system has been designed to ensure the physical retention of historically important items from group files after these have been microfiched. This will ensure that future historians will have an opportunity to see these originals when the need arises.

A smaller version of the Archival Exhibit was commissioned, and is available for Regional Forums and area conventions.

Archivist's report: Our reaching the early timers project—"Don't Throw Me Away, I Belong to A.A."—has had quite a beneficial effect on raising the level of awareness in donating artifacts to local area archives.

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A.A. World Services, Inc.

Directors' report: The board met 12 times during 1986. The following significant items are noted:

- Reviewed and recommended to the trustees' Finance Committee: the 1986 budget; the revised budget for construction and refurbishing, which totaled $655,200, an increase over the preliminary budget of $744,800 projected in the 1986 budget; and proposed budget additions as of June 30, 1986, in the amount of $58,600.
- Transferred $510,600 to the General Service Board to cover operating deficits for the year ended December 31, 1985.
- Held interim meetings to address the subject of self-support. The paper "Challenge of the Seventh Tradition" was distributed throughout the service structure. Our aim is that within five years, contributions will cover the cost of our services to the Fellowship.
- Notified Canadian central offices and intergroups that an unauthorized miniature version of the first 11 chapters of the Big Book was published in Hong Kong and offered for sale in Canada. We have had no notice of further activity.
- Approved prices for 27 items, including the portable soft-cover Big Book, foreign language pamphlets and service material.
- Approved 77 requests to reprint from A.A. literature and two requests to tape-record. Thirteen requests were not approved.
- Proposed our 1987 budget and projected sufficient income to introduce a 4% discount on literature orders of $25.00 or more.

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Conference

Trustees' committee: Suggestions for the 1987 Conference theme were reviewed, and we recommended to the Conference Agenda Committee that the theme be "The Seventh Tradition — A Turning Point." The committee reviewed suggestions received through the Conference Evaluation Questionnaire and the post-Conference General Sharing Session and suggested the following:

- That an information sheet be written describing the roles of trustees, directors, and G.S.O. staff in the Conference structure.
- That a list of topics be covered for regional trustee orientation.
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- That the trustees' reports be changed to trustees' committee highlights, covering major activities or topics of concern to the Conference body.

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Cooperation With the Professional Community

Trustees' committee: After reviewing all available information about carrying the A.A. message to Native North American peoples, the committee recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee consider publishing a pamphlet of recovery stories from Native North Americans.

Current problems in connection with A.A.'s cooperation with court programs were discussed and suggestions were forwarded to the 1987 Conference C.P.C. Committee for discussion.

The committee considered the development of a tabletop exhibit for use by local C.P.C. committees at regional professional conferences. Since the Archives Committee is considering a similar idea it was recommended that the C.P.C. Committee secretary work with the Archives Committee secretary on developing an exhibit that could serve multiple purposes.

The committee approved the staff recommendation to: (1) refurbish three of our Professional Exhibits called "B" units; (2) retire the large exhibit called an "A" unit; and (3) build a new "B" unit.

Jack W., chairperson

Staff report: The purpose of the C.P.C. assignment is to carry the message of the still-suffering alcoholic by sharing information about our Fellowship with professional groups and individuals. The C.P.C. staff person responds to all mail and telephone inquiries from organizations outside the Fellowship.

The staff member attends weekly meetings of some of the national organizations dealing with alcoholism and serves as a representative of A.A., in a liaison capacity, on the Advisory Council to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The staff member also maintains communication with A.A. members involved in C.P.C. service work. C.P.C. committees have increased significantly over the past year, with 535 now listed at G.S.O.

The C.P.C. staff person is also assigned to coordinate all available information about spreading the A.A. message to the Native North American population.

Betty L.

Correctional Facilities

Staff report: The Correctional Facilities desk has a constant flow of correspondence to and from A.A. members on the "inside" share by mail their experiences, strength, and hope with P.A.'s on the "inside." The staff person coordinates the Institutions Correspondence Service, through which approximately 500 A.A. members on the "outside" share by mail their experiences, strength, and hope with P.A.'s on the "inside." Discount packages of A.A. literature, in English and Spanish, are available to groups in correctional facilities, and to institutions committees, and back issues of the Grapevine are donated monthly for distribution to inmates.

Lyla B.

Finance

Staff report: The committee reviewed and approved budget recommendations; supervised the administration of the Reserve Fund; monitored the efforts of the General Service Office in its self-support project.

Although sales wound up 5.6% over what was anticipated, sales of the new portable Big Book accounted for $307,000 out of $401,000 of the difference. Exclusive of this item, sales were within 1.3% of budget. Contributions were 0.4% under budget for the first 11 months of 1986 and, due to a strong December, finished 2.1% over budget. Expenses for 1986, exclusive of construction, were $554,700, compared to a net income of $825,100 in 1985 (the 1985 net income included $315,900 of the net 50th Anniversary International Convention income).

In anticipation of a positive response from the Fellowship to the challenge of the Seventh Tradition, G.S.O. has reintroduced a sales discount (at 4% on purchases over $25, effective 4/1/87). During 1987, A.A.W.S., Inc. will review, on a regular basis, the possibility of increasing this discount if contributions warrant it.

The Grapevine income was $185,700 higher than 1985, while expenses were $252,900 higher. Included in the 1986 expenses, however, are future severance benefits of $60,100. This resulted in an operating loss of $134,200, which was offset by interest income of $825,100, and the cumulative effect, in the amount of $64,490, of an approved change in accounting methods, leaving a net loss for the year of $71,300, a virtual break-even. The Grapevine has budgeted revenues at $1,615,000 and expenses at $1,610,000, resulting in a budgeted operating net income of $5,000. Net income after interest earned is budgeted to be $65,000.

Robert P. Morse (nonalcoholic), chairperson
General Sharing Session

Trustees' committee: In-depth reports were presented by the following board committees: Archives, Conference, Finance, and Budgetary, and International. Other sessions included discussions on carrying the A.A. message to the Native North American population, and the Seventh Tradition. Reports were given by the two delegates who attended the Ninth World Service Meeting, and two films, prepared under the guidance of the trustees' Public Information and Correctional Facilities Committees, as recommended by the General Service Conference, were reviewed.

In the spirit of cooperation, three members of the board of trustees of Cocaine Anonymous were invited to attend the February 1987 General Sharing Session.

Garrett T., chairperson

Group Services

Staff report: The primary responsibility of the group services coordinator is to provide communication service to the Fellowship, and supervise the production and updating of all service material, including Guidelines, Group Handbooks, order forms, literature kits and A.A. directories.

New groups in the United States and Canada receive a Group Handbook, a G.S.R. Kit, and a complimentary supply of literature, and are placed on the mailing list to receive Box 4-5-9 and the appropriate regional A.A. directory. G.S.O. lists more than 1,000 French-speaking and more than 500 Spanish-speaking groups, and the Group Handbook, G.S.R. Kit, and Box 4-5-9 are available in these languages.

Most service material (which is not required to have Conference approval) is complimentary and is not listed on the literature order form. It is produced when G.S.O. correspondence indicates a need for readily available information on a specific subject, and is prepared from correspondence containing group experience.

The group services coordinator also acts as liaison with intergroups/central offices, communicating to the Conference the needs and concerns of intergroups/central offices, and is involved in organizing the annual intergroup/central office seminar.

Curtis M.

International / Overseas / World Service Meeting

Trustees' committee: The International Committee is a focal point for information about A.A. around the world. We make suggestions for carrying the message to alcoholics overseas, particularly in countries where there is no established service structure; share our experiences on board structure; and assist members who travel abroad by helping them contact isolated A.A.s and groups. In 1986 the committee finalized the Ninth World Service Meeting.

We are trying to obtain more information from intergroups and central offices as to what foreign languages they have requested. This information will help us to determine which languages to consider next for our three basic recovery pamphlets. Translations of books and pamphlets in Polish, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, and Chinese were completed.

Helen H., chairperson

Staff report:

Overseas — The staff member on this assignment corresponds with 33 G.S.O.s and literature distribution centers outside the U.S. and Canada. Groups and individuals in other countries are encouraged to correspond with their own G.S.O.s. Correspondence from groups and individual A.A.s in countries without a service center or office is answered by this office.

To protect A.A.'s copyrights, careful consideration is given to granting overseas boards and centers permission to print A.A. Conference-approved literature in the language of the country. We also maintain files of translations of A.A. literature.

World Service Meeting — The World Service Meeting meets biennially at locations alternating between the United States and overseas. The Ninth World Service Meeting was held October 19-23, 1986, in Guatemala; 35 delegates, representing 27 countries where the A.A. Fellowship has a national service structure or G.S.O. attended. The theme, "Service Through Love and Humility," aptly expressed the spirit of the members who joined together to share their experience, strength, hope, and dedication to our Three Legacies. The Tenth World Service Meeting will be held October 23-27, 1988, in New York City. The theme will be "A.A. and Its Responsibilities."

Helen T.

International Convention / A.A. Regional Forums

Trustees' committee: International Convention — We approved Seattle, Washington, as the site of the 1990 International A.A. Convention. Our Big Meeting will be held at the Kingdome, which seats up to 60,000. The Seattle Center will be the center for A.A. meetings and workshops and the Washington State Convention Center will serve as the hub for some of our entertainment activities. We have also tentatively scheduled a range of entertainment at other locations: the Coliseum and Arena at the Seattle Center; the Convention Center; the Westin Ballroom; and perhaps an outdoor event.

We recommended that the 1987 Conference recommend that the 1986 Conference select three cities for the 1995 International Convention, without further indication of preference. The final selection of the site will be made by the General Service Board in July 1986, following an inspection trip by the Site Selection Committee.

Regional Forums — Four regions hosted Forums within the past year. Our committee discussed each of these Forums, which continue to be well received by service workers and improve communications within our Fellowship. We formed a subcommittee to determine how far in advance Regional Forum dates and sites should be selected. Their recommendation was that the regional trustee and general service delegates should decide these matters two years before Forums are scheduled. Their report was approved.

Dan B., chairperson

Staff report:

Regional Forums — Forums are held at the invitation of the region, and plans are made with the regional trustee, area delegates and the G.S.O. staff. The General Service Board covers hotel, mail, and travel expenses for all its personnel in attendance; expenses for the region's service people are the responsibility either of the individuals or area committees. The Regional Forum coordinator makes arrangements with the host-city contact (the local liaison), hotel, and host city; arranges travel and hotels for board personnel; handles mailings to the regions' service workers and is responsible for display boards of sample literature and service material. Reports on Regional Forums are sent to all Forum participants, trustees, and current delegates.

Curtis M.

Literature

Trustees' committee: The following items became available: "A.A. for the Woman" — revised; "Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated" and Alcoholics Anonymous — soft-cover edition.

The committee forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee: "Too Young?" — revised to include updated stories and new graphics; samples of four service pieces regarding A.A.'s primary purpose for use at A.A. meetings; a recommendation to develop a pamphlet for the Native North American; and to consider developing lower-level reading material.
Ann Jackson, Ph.D.
(nonalcoholic) chairperson

Staff report: The literature coordinator works with editors, writers and artists on updating and preparing new recovery pamphlets, books, and audiovisuals. Production of this material is under the auspices of G.S.O.'s Publications Division.

In addition to recovery literature, the literature coordinator serves as editor of Box 4-5-9, our bimonthly newsletter. In an effort to increase the circulation of Box 4-5-9 we have selected several projects for 1987: an experimental basis: include a Box 4-5-9 order form with each issue; a questionnaire was sent asking for information to help us in making our newsletter more interesting and helpful; include a recent Box 4-5-9 and a subscription form with literature orders; developed a tabletop placard with a holder for display on groups' literature tables, which will be sent with bulk subscriptions of Box 4-5-9; include a Box 4-5-9 placard, newsletters, and subscription forms at Regional Forums; have Box 4-5-9 as a topic in one of the presentations during each Regional Forum.

Correspondence from A.A. groups and individuals requesting specific information about literature comes to the literature desk. A letter is sent semiannually to central offices, intergroups, literature chairpersons, and literature distribution centers to inform them of new developments in A.A. literature and other service material.

Sarah P.

Loners, Internationalists, Homers

Staff report: Approximately 3,050 A.A.s participate in the Loners-Internationalist Meeting (LIM). Loners are A.A.s who live in isolated areas where there are no A.A. groups or contacts; they stay sober by reading A.A. literature and sharing experience, strength, and hope with other A.A. members through letters and tapes. There are over 500 Loners in 90 countries.

There are about 600 Internationalists (seagoing A.A.s) and Port Contacts, and 56 Internationalist groups meeting aboard ships or in ports. There are also 125 Homers in the group - A.A.s who are housebound due to long-term illness or physical disability.

A literature package is sent to each new member, along with lists of Loners, Homers, and Internationalists and the bimonthly bulletins, Box 4-5-9 and Loners-Internationalists Meeting, a discussion meeting in print that shares excerpts from letters received at G.S.O.

Cheryl Ann B.

Nominating

Trustees' committee: We discussed the board's responsibilities in filling all vacancies, whether within their own ranks or among key service directors and staff members, and requested that a job description of each category and rotation dates (if applicable) be sent to all committee members. It was noted that we have a responsibility to seek out possible candidates for all vacancies within the committee's scope in order that we may have an on-going file to draw upon. The importance of making known to the entire Fellowship the availability of these positions was also noted.

We also took the following actions:

- Reviewed the procedures for hiring a general manager and suggested that the term of general manager be in the range of a minimum of five years and a maximum of seven years, in keeping with A.A.'s spirit of rotation.
- Recommended that the Conference Committee on Trustees be fully apprised of when the selection process for the search for a new general manager begins.
- Recommended that the Conference Committee on Trustees review the current practice of selecting directors for both A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards exclusively from New York City and vicinity.
- Revised the Composition of this Committee.
- Reviewed and recommended the slate of trustees, board officers, and A.A.W.S. and Grapevine directors for election at the annual meeting in May, following presentation at the 1987 General Service Conference for disapproval, if any.

Wayne P., chairperson

Public Information

Trustees' committee: During the past year, the committee:

- Made available for distribution to P.I. committees the new public service announcements approved by the 1986 General Service Conference.
- Reviewed the P.I. Workbook, in keeping with the suggestions made by the 1986 Conference Public Information Committee.
- Launched the Seventh Triennial Membership Survey, results of which will be forthcoming later in 1987.
- Reviewed our current press feature stories, and explored the need for additional features.
- Produced a 28-minute film targeting young alcoholics, as recommended by the 1986 General Service Conference.

Bill C., chairperson

Staff report: The public information assignment is to help carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic and potential alcoholic through the media. The staff member responds to about 10,000 written and telephoned inquiries from both the general public and from within the Fellowship. During the past year, we have provided literature for 325 health fairs; processed 15,000 newspaper, magazine, and television feature stories; followed up on a monthly average of 15 to 20 anonymity breaks; and sent a letter of thanks to all 1,800 local P.I. committees and P.I. contacts.

Both the existing and most recent radio and TV public service announcements, as well as the film "Alcoholics Anonymous—An Inside View," were widely aired by major networks and local TV and radio stations. Requests for help in planning programs including references to Alcoholics Anonymous have also abounded.

G.S.O. services are backed up in large measure by the tremendous dedication of more than 800 local P.I. committees and about 900 P.I. contacts.

Eileen G.

Spanish Services Coordinator

Staff report: The Spanish services assignment was created to serve the Spanish-speaking A.A. groups, furthering communication with the Hispanic A.A. world, and to provide services to the Hispanic A.A. community equivalent, whenever possible, to the services provided to English-speaking A.A. groups. This nonrotating staff member also coordinates and reviews translations into Spanish of service material and literature, and serves as the editor of Spanish Box 4-5-9. Another current project is the translation of Pass It On.

The staff member on this assignment represents G.S.O. at the Ibero-American Commission for Translation and Adaptation of A.A. Literature, which reviews translations in an effort to create a standard version. In addition, the Spanish services coordinator attends conventions, Hispanic intergroup meetings, and Regional Forums; assists at G.S.O.'s Open House, the World Service Meeting, and the International A.A. Convention, and greets and talks with Spanish-speaking visitors to G.S.O.

Vicente M.
**Staff Coordinator**

**Staff report:** As assistant secretary of the General Service Board, the staff coordinator is responsible for scheduling committee meetings, distributing advance material, and preparing and distributing the minutes of the General Service Board meeting; and also serves as editor of the Quarterly Report. Another responsibility is chairing the weekly staff meeting and coordinating all staff activities. The staff coordinator serves as secretary of the General Sharing Session and the Conference Committee on Conference Policy/Admissions, a director and vice-president of A.A.W.S., and coordinates the Self-Support Project.

During 1986, the G.S.O. staff handled almost 25,000 pieces of mail — an 11% increase over 1985. Another aspect of staff service is to respond to invitations to A.A. conventions, assembly meetings, and get-togethers. This provides the staff with opportunities to become acquainted with A.A.s all over the U.S. and Canada. During the past year, approximately 1,700 visitors from all over the world visited G.S.O.

Lois F.

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**Reports from the A.A. Grapevine**

**Directors’ report:** After a year of many changes the watchword of the A.A. Grapevine is “let’s go forward.” A special committee of the A.A. Grapevine staff and board members has been established for the sole purpose of planning to increase the magazine’s use and circulation.

In the fall of 1986 the staff produced the Grapevine’s first four-color flyer, and the returns have been significant. Since then a second four-color flyer has been produced with emphasis on the magazine itself. We have been in touch with the Intergroup Association of A.A. of Greater New York, and this flyer may be included in a forthcoming mailing.

The new GvR Newsletter has become a regular publication and has received enthusiastic response in several areas. The staff has widened the search for artists and continues to appeal to the Fellowship to contribute to the magazine with the consistent reminder “We don’t write the magazine, you do!”

In addition, a selection of Bill W.’s writings for the Grapevine, with the working title In All Our Affairs, is nearing completion, and will be submitted to the Conference next year.

In view of the demonstrated need for cassette tapes, the Grapevine editorial staff has been busy of late, not only with the two trial tapes in French and Spanish, but with more recent tape efforts on the subject of spirituality: a set of two entitled “Spirituality — Finding It” and “Spirituality — Maintaining It.” For the non- or lazy readers, the A.A. Grapevine also produced and released two earlier tapes entitled “Attitudes” and “Character Defects,” which were enthusiastically received. It is clear that tapes must be thought of as direct extensions of the magazine itself — as auditory rather than visual method of carrying the message.

For 1986 Grapevine circulation was budgeted at 125,000 per month and came in at an average of 126,400 per month. Circulation for December 1986, however, was below that average, at 123,000. According to current figures, the monthly average so far in 1987 is about 123,000. Small as those figures might seem, there is reason to be proud of the way the readership of the A.A. Grapevine has grown and is holding steady.

An article in The New York Times quotes a study which indicates that there are more than 28 million adult Americans who are functionally illiterate and that functional illiteracy is increasing by 2.3 million more adults a year. It is little wonder, then, that figures from the audit bureau of magazine circulation show readership of many major magazines is down considerably.

As to finances: Net overall operations loss for the year 1986 (including interest) was $11,300. In the opinion of the experts, this is tantamount to break-even, an indication of rather good financial health for a nonprofit operation. It is also recognition, perhaps, that the purpose of the A.A. Grapevine has never been to make money but to make the A.A. message available to anyone who wants it.

Ralph R., chairperson

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**Staff report:** The resignation of the chief executive in November has meant spreading the administrative workload more widely; editor Ann W. and controller Donald W. Meuer, appointed as an interim management team, are “bridging the gap,” fully supported by Grapevine personnel.

The magazine is moving ahead, with the objective of being even more responsive to the Fellowship as a whole. A new “Your Move” section now publishes the opinions of a large number of readers on issues of significance to the Fellowship, and a revived “Around A.A.” section contains news and information about A.A., and there has been more frequent publication of special sections containing several articles on the same topic. The Three Legacies are present in full force: stories that help readers identify, a Traditions checklist each month of 1987, and an increase in articles on service.

In 1986 several new special items were introduced, notably the second volume of Best of the Grapevine and several cassette tapes. The Grapevine Workbook came off press in August and thus far is proving an effective service tool.

A desktop publishing committee, chaired by managing editor Ames S., investigated the possibilities of desktop publishing and determined that present technology is not adequate for the quality needs of the magazine. The possibilities of using DTP programs on the office’s IBM personal computers are now being looked into, with the thought of phasing into desktop publishing in this way.

Art director John N., in addition to continuing his search for illustrators, designed two four-color flyers. The new GvR Newsletter is now being produced regularly, and the job of GvR coordinator has been upgraded and expanded. Our Circulation Department manager, Grace H., resigned in November 1986. Upon leaving, she recommended a downgrading of the job to a supervisory level position. The workload and job descriptions are now being evaluated. While it has been a busy year, with the ups and downs that none of us are exempt from, it has been a year of reflection, productivity, and growth.

Ann W., editor
Donald W. Meuer, controller

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**Treatment Facilities**

**Trustees’ committee:** In response to a 1986 Conference recommendation that the trustees’ committee study ways to develop contact sponsorship programs, we solicited shared experience throughout the Fellowship and compiled a report to be submitted to the 1987 Conference for their review and further recommendations.

The committee also discussed and approved adding three items on “carrying the message” as enclosures in the Treatment Facilities Workbook. The committee reviewed the suggestion and forwarded to the 1987 Conference a phrase change in the pamphlet “A.A. in Treatment Centers.”

William Flynn, M.D.
(nonalcoholic), chairperson

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**Staff report:** The staff member on this assignment answers correspondence from A.A.s and non-A.A.s requesting information and shared experience on how A.A.s carry the message into and cooperate with treatment facilities. The correspondence for this assignment has shown that the main issues of concern for the Fellowship continue to be: attendance of nonalcoholic addicts at regular A.A. groups and treatment facility meetings; influx of patients from treatment facilities to regular A.A. groups; and sponsorship of newly released patients. The focus of this assignment, for the past year, has been on projects that address these concerns.

Maureen C.
1987 G.S.O. Budget

A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC. — PUBLISHING

**Income:** Sales income has been budgeted at $7,900,000, $399,400 (5.3%) greater than 1986. This projection includes the first full year’s impact of the portable Big Book, as well as the introduction of a 4% sales discount to all purchasers of $25.00 or more, effective 1 year, 1987. Total income after cost of printing, royalties and the 4% discount (and including interest earned) is estimated at $3,950,700.

**Expenses:** Expenses charged against the publishing operation are budgeted at $2,909,000, representing an increase of $394,200 over 1986. Part of this increase is due to the planned addition of three persons.

**Net:** Net publishing income, after operating expenses, is expected to be $1,081,700.

**GENERAL FUND — GROUP SERVICES**

**Income:** Contributions are budgeted at $3,028,000, $362,400 (13.6%) over 1986, based on anticipated support from the Fellowship to the Self-Support project.

**Expenses:** Total group expenses to be directly charged against contributions are budgeted to be $3,382,500. This budget anticipates the addition of one person in this area. These expenses are $346,500 greater than contribution income and will be offset by anticipated net income from publishing.

**GENERAL FUND — OTHER EXPENSES**

Other expenses of the General Service Board are budgeted at $1,274,200. This includes $763,200 for construction and refurbishing to be paid out of the General Service Board Reserve Fund. Exclusive of construction costs, these other expenses are budgeted $166,000 (5.5%) less than 1985. These expenses will also be offset by anticipated net income from publishing.

**RECAP**

The shortfall for 1987 of “group services” (as defined by the 1986 General Service Conference) supported by group contributions, is budgeted to be $865,500. This is exclusive of construction and refurbishing which is paid for by the G.S.B. Reserve Fund. The makeup of this shortfall is shown on the right.

### 1987 Grapevine Budget

**Total income:** Income from magazine and other sales is budgeted at $1,615,000.

**Total expenses:** Expenses are budgeted at $1,610,000. These expenses do not include salaries for a publisher and circulation manager. These positions are vacant and are not planned to be filled in the foreseeable future. The operation is being directed by a management team consisting of the Grapevine controller and editor.

**Net:** The net operating income for 1987 is $5,000. After interest earned from operating cash and on monies in the G.S.B. Reserve Fund for unfilled subscriptions, total net income is budgeted to be $62,000.

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### 1986 Contributions From Groups — by Delegate Area

(in U.S. dollars)

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<td>6,722</td>
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**Canadian Total**

| Total U.S./Canada | 40,529 | 9,487 | 44,016,708 | 21,084,352 | 52.2% |

**Individual, in-memoriam, & special meetings**

| Total | $114,306,047 |

**Specials**

| Total | $2,395,149,972 |

**FOR FOREIGN AND OTHER**

| Total | $2,645,773,399 |

**CONTRIBUTION COMPARISON — 1986-1985**

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20% of the total represents the minimum acceptable contribution for Foreign and Other. Any amount not meeting this minimum will be ineligible for allocation and will be returned.

The total contribution will be limited to the amount approved and will be based on the percentage of total U.S. contribution to the total Canada contribution.

Reflects not only those groups that contributed directly to G.S.O., but also those groups that contributed through their Conference areas (per lists submitted by the areas).

Group contributions reported on this schedule do not include contributions received as specials, in-memoriam, and special meetings.
Calendar of Events

June

4-7 — Daytona Beach, Florida. Seventh Conv. For Young People. Write: Box 646, Holly Hill, FL 32017
4-7 — Palm Springs, California. Desert Roundup. Write: Com. Box 30247, Long Beach, CA 90803
5-7 — Kearney, Nebraska. 20th Annual State Reunion. Write: Ch., Box 147, Alta, NE 68810
5-7 — Joliette, Quebec, Canada. 12a Congrès de Lanaudière. Écrire: Comité, C.P. 338, St. Jean de Matha, QC J0K 2S0
5-7 — Grand Junction, Colorado. Summer Area Assembly. Write: Ch., 127 N. 32nd Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81501
5-7 — Ogden, Utah. Second Ann. Rocky Mountain Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 9339, Ogden, UT 84409
5-7 — Albuquerque, New Mexico. 30th Annual Area Conv. Write: Ch., Box 22201, Station G, Albuquerque, NM 87154
5-7 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Fifth Annual Unity Conv. for Gay Men and Women. Write: Ch., 800 Ross Av., Apt. 1, Pittsburgh, PA 15231
11-14 — Clarksville, Tennessee. 36th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 2622, Clarksville, TN 37042-2622
11-14 — St. Simons Island, Georgia. 23rd Golden Isles Family Weekend. Write: Ch., 126 Hardee Dr., Brunswick, GA 31520
12-14 — Kansas, Utah. Sixth Annual Oakley Roundup. Write: Ch., 3065 W 6600 S., West Jordan, UT 84088
12-14 — Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Mid-season Campout. Write: Ch., Box 641, Sta. A, Windsor, Ont. N9A 6N4
13-14 — Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Gratitude Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 954, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2T 2K4
12-14 — Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada. 30th Anniv. Celebration. Write: Ch., 1161 — 96th Ave., Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 1G2
12-14 — Mobile, Alabama. Sixth Annual Azalea City Jamboree. Write: Com., Box 161166, Mobile, AL 36616
12-14 — Willow, Alaska. Annual Mat-Su Blast. Write: Ch., Box 90419, Wasilla, AK 99687
12-14 — Chino, Arizona. Canyon de Chelly Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 471, Chino, AZ 85503
19-23 — North Conway, New Hampshire. 22nd Area Assy. Annual Conv. Write: Sec., 321 Lincoln St., Rt. 204, Manchester, NH 03103
19-21 — Charleston, West Virginia. 35th Annual Area Conv. Write: Box 10352, Charleston, WV 25357
19-21 — Tupelo, Mississippi. 41st Annual State Conv. Write: Box 2662, Tupelo, MS 38803-3662
19-21 — Providence, Rhode Island. 11th Annual Ocean State Young People’s Closed Conv. Write: Ch., Box 23199, Providence, RI 02903
26-28 — Nanook Bay, British Columbia, Canada. 27th Parksville Mid-Vancouver Island Rally. Write: Ch., R.R.5, Site 325, C-15, Parksville, B.C. V9R 2S0
26-28 — Sept-Iles, Quebec, Canada. Huitièmè Congrès. Écrire: Comité, C.P. 1289, Sept-Iles, PQ G4R 4X7
26-28 — Manchester, England. Third Annual Conv. Write: Ch., 16 Bracken Drive, Bagaley, Manchester, M23 8LT, England
26-28 — Austin, Texas. Big Book Study. Write: Tr., 3011 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78705
27 — Newcastle, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Ohio Family Fun Day. Write: Ch., 305 North Ray St., Newcastle, PA 16101

July

2-5 — Nashville, Tennessee. Sixth Annual Music Hall Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 763, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
3-5 — Omaha, Nebraska. Pockets of Enthusiasm Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 55, Bellevue, NE 68005
3-5 — St. Paul, Minnesota. Gopher State Roundup XIV. Write: Ch., Box 65295, St. Paul, MN 55165-0295
3-5 — Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Rendez-vous Bilinguiste Conv. (Gays & Lesbians). Write: Box 2105, Delorimer Station, Montreal PQ H2H 2R8

19-21 — Providence, Rhode Island. 11th Annual Ocean State Young People’s Closed Conv. Write: Ch., Box 23199, Providence, RI 02903
26-28 — Sept-Iles, Quebec, Canada. Huitièmè Congrès. Écrire: Comité, C.P. 1289, Sept-Iles, PQ G4R 4X7

Closed Meeting Topics From the Grapevine

For more detailed suggestions, see the pages noted.

June (page 13): Help for group problems; spiritual development; sponsorship; A.A. and the handicapped.

July (page 29): Our common bond; disappointment; A.A. and prison; the pink cloud.

Planning an August, September or October Event?

Please send your information on August, September or October events 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: ____________________________

Place (city, state or prov.): ____________________________

Name of event: ____________________________

For information, write: ____________________________

exact mailing address ____________________________

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29-31 — Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada. 14th Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., 507-8th Av., Castlegar, B.C., V1N 1N7
29-August 3 — Lexington, Kentucky. Annual Meeting of International Doctors in A.A. Write: Sec., 1550 Volney Rd., Youngstown, OH 44511
31-August 2 — Hull, Quebec, Canada. 14ième Congrès de l’Outaouais. Écrire: 515 LaCroix, Gatineau, PQ J8P 6R7
31-August 2 — Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada. 13th Rally. Write: Com., 785 Marina Blvd., Campbell River, B.C. V9W 6G8
31-August 2 — Winston-Salem, North Carolina. 40th State Conv. Write: Ch., Box 18412, Raleigh, NC 27619

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7-9 — Tulameen, British Columbia, Canada. Campout. Write: Sec., c/o Coalmont P.O., Tulameen, B.C. V0X 1G0
7-9 — Hot Springs, Arkansas. 47th "Old Grandad" Conv. Write: Tr., 3302 Ridge Rd., N. Little Rock, AR 72116
13-16 — Omaha, Nebraska. Tenth Cornhusker Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 426, Bellevue, NE 68005
14-15 — Granby, Quebec, Canada. Neuvième Congrès Annuel. Écrire: Ch., Box 222, Granby, QC J2G 8E4
14-16 — Dallas, Texas. 16th Lone Star Roundup. Write: Com., Box 835112, Richardson, TX 75083-5112
14-16 — Universal City, California. Roundup (Gay Men and Women). Write: Ch., 14755 Ventura Blvd., Suite 1-756, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
14-16 — Reading, Pennsylvania. Second Annual Conv. Write: Ch., Box 8301, Reading, PA 19603
14-16 — Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Second Annual Conf. Write: Ch., Box 8301, Reading, PA 19603
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19-24 — Richmond, Virginia. Southeastern Conv. Write: Ch., 5715 Theodore-Dawes, Theodore, AL 36302
21-23 — Reno, Nevada. Sierra Nevada Roundup. Write: Ch., 251 Smithbridge Pk., Reno, NV 89502
21-23 — Evanston, Wyoming. Rebels Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 483, Evanston, WY 82930
21-23 — Cleveland, Ohio. Fifth Roundup (Gay Men and Women). Write: Com., Box 14775, Cleveland, OH 44114
21-23 — Greenlake, Wisconsin. Seventh Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 213, Germantown, WI 53022
21-23 — Cartersville, Georgia. Tenth Annual Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 856, Cartersville, GA 30120
28-29 — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 40th Anniversary Conv. Write: Ch., Ave. N.S. Copacabana, 435/505, Box 44017, Rio de Janeiro, CEP 22200