

AREA 17 DELEGATE REPORT
April 15, 2012

Earlier this month, I emailed out an announcement that the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. is seeking qualified persons for non-trustee director vacancies on its board that may become available to be filled for following the General Service Conference next year in 2013. Resumes should be submitted by May 30, 2012. If you are interested, you can find the information either on our Area Website or the GSO Website, aa.org.

At this time, there is no additional news from GSO due to the intense involvement of everyone in putting together the Final Conference Agenda. You will find the full Conference Agenda and all background on the Cds I brought for you. I would like to underline the fact that much of this information contains confidential A.A. documents. Distribution is limited to A.A. members, since they contain members' full names and addresses. Please do not post the information anywhere where it might be accessed by the public, such as Websites and Bulletin Boards. Please treat the materials that are entrusted to you with all due care and respect.

The Conference process allows for each area delegate to bring his or her area's conscience to the Conference and share it with the other members. Prior to the GSC in April (22nd-28th), Conference delegates review the background provided and take time to listen to the local discussion about these items, which is what we will be doing April 14th-15th. During Conference week, all points of view can be expressed during discussions and debate on Agenda items, allowing Conference members to make informed decisions. This way, a loving God "may express Himself in our group conscience."

In addition to discussing 14 Agenda Items at the April Assembly, we will also discuss the same workshop topics that the Conference members will discuss later in April. With the help of our standing committee chairs we will break into small groups to discuss the topic and then report back to the assembly a summary from each group. Hopefully we will have time for an open discussion with the whole assembly. Please feel free to discuss the topics before the assembly so we can all be well informed. Hard copies are available for you this weekend, and I'll ask Hugh C to post it on our Website.

As for the topic presentations, each district will have ten minutes followed by open mic comments and summary from the delegate. You may present the assigned agenda item in any format the district members choose, such as a skit, panel discussion, etc. as long as it is within the 10-minute time allotment. I have also brought a complete list of agenda assignments for your reference, so you may want to fill in the district numbers as they are pulled from the hat.

Submitted with love and service,
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