

2015 Final Conference Report Review

65th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference

Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future

First, I want to thank all of you for hosting me for the Delegate Report Backs for all the Districts. I enjoyed sharing my experience at the General Service Conference and will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve as your delegate for Panel 65.

The report includes full names and addresses of participants and is therefore confidential. It is not meant for posting on any internet sites. It does include verbatim reports presented at the conference. I hope my brief review will familiarize you with where you can find things in the report and how you can get more detailed information.

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 - All Inclusive – Never Exclusive
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 - Home Group – Where it Begins
 - Connecting with Each Other
 - Singleness of Purpose – Staying Pertinent in a Changing World
 - Informed Group Conscience – The Key to Unity
 - Be Involved. Be Inspired. Be of service.
 - Connecting with AA as a Whole
 - Participating in All of AA
 - Understanding Self-Support
 - Reaching Out to the Next Generation of AAs
 - Workshop topic for GSC – *Anonymity – The Spiritual Foundation*
 - Finance
 - Proceed with Phase 1 of the G.S.O. plan to translate pre-Conference and Conference material into Spanish and French beginning with the 66th General Service Conference.
 - Trustees Committee on the General Service Conference will create a plan to translate all Conference material and provide a progress report at the 66th GSC.
 - Literature
 - Revise and expand “AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic” to include a wider range of A.A. recovery experience from members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and gender non-conforming, especially regarding being a newcomer and sponsorship.

- Update “AA for the Woman” gathering current sharing from women in A.A., and suggested inclusion of stories from women in the military, single mothers, and women of diverse backgrounds.
 - Develop literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.
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