

November Area Assembly Delegate Report

November 20, 2021



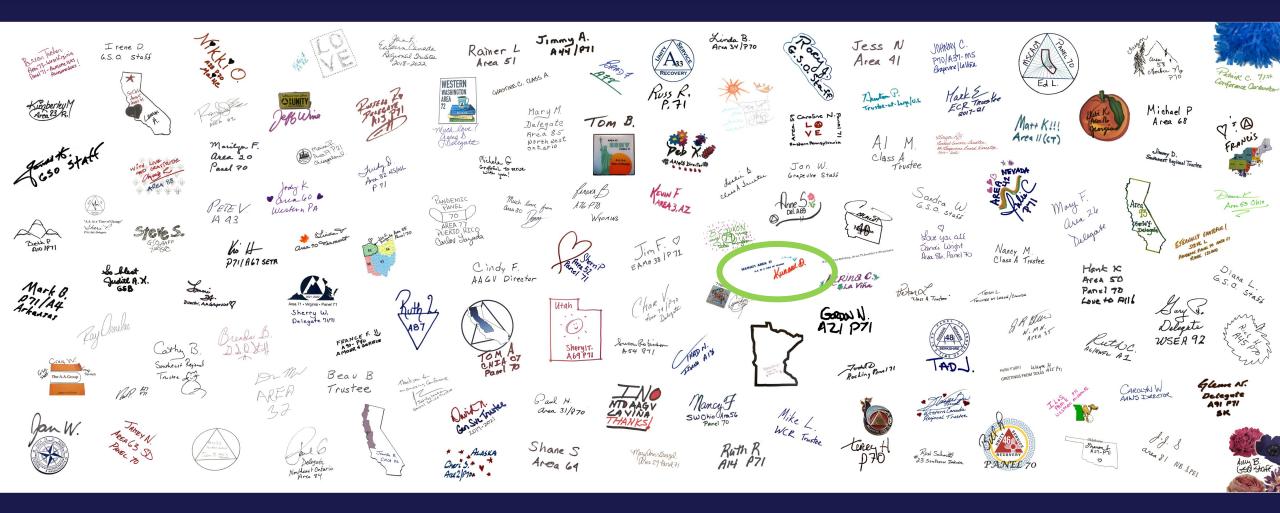




## GRATITUDE

### 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Service Conference

2021: A.A. In a Time of Change 2021: Les AA à une époque de changement 2021: A.A. en una época de cambio



# Today's Report

What I've been upto

### Pacific Region Updates

GSO Updates

### Board Weekend Updates

# WHAT HAVE I BEEN UPTO?

# What have I been upto?

### **Final Reports Arrived**

Attended Oahu Intergroup Meetings

Attended Pacific Region Delegate monthly meetings

Attended a few pacific area elections assemblies

Corresponded with the GSC Literature Commitee & Trustee Chair

District 10's district meeting, Hilo District GSR Workshop

Delegate's Reunion

#### Area 17 Pacific Regional Delegate Nominee (External) > Indox x

#### Area 17 Delegate

Aloha, It is with great honor that I submit Hawaii Area 17's Pacific Regional Trustee Nominee, Robert "Bob" Harrison. Bob was selected through the Third Legacy

Nominating

Aloha Kunane,

Mahalo for submitting the resume of candidate Bob H as a candidate for Pacific Trustee from Area Number, 17. Hawaii.

The trustees' Nominating Committee will review the resumes of all candidates for eligibility at its January 2022 meeting, and the election will take place during the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference in April 2022.

Kunane, thank you for your participation in this process. I may be reached directly at: 212-870-3460 or nominating@aa.org for any questions or further clarifications you

Everyone here at the General Service Office sends aloha maika'i iā 'oe (best wishes to you). 😊

Sincerely, Diana Lewis

G.S.O. Staff Member Nominating Assignment/ Pacific Region Correspondent General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Past Conference Members from ANY General Service Conference

### 36th International Past Delegates' Reunion 202

November 12-14, 2021 | Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

#### Old Friends...Sharing New and Old Experiences

he Delegates' Reunion is open to all past and present members of any General Service Conference; AAWS/GV Directors, rustees, General Service Office Staff World Wide, and World Service Delegates. The reunion is a gathering of old friends tho have shared a unique experience. It is held to provide an opportunity to relate our living experiences since we last et and to celebrate our sobriety with each other.

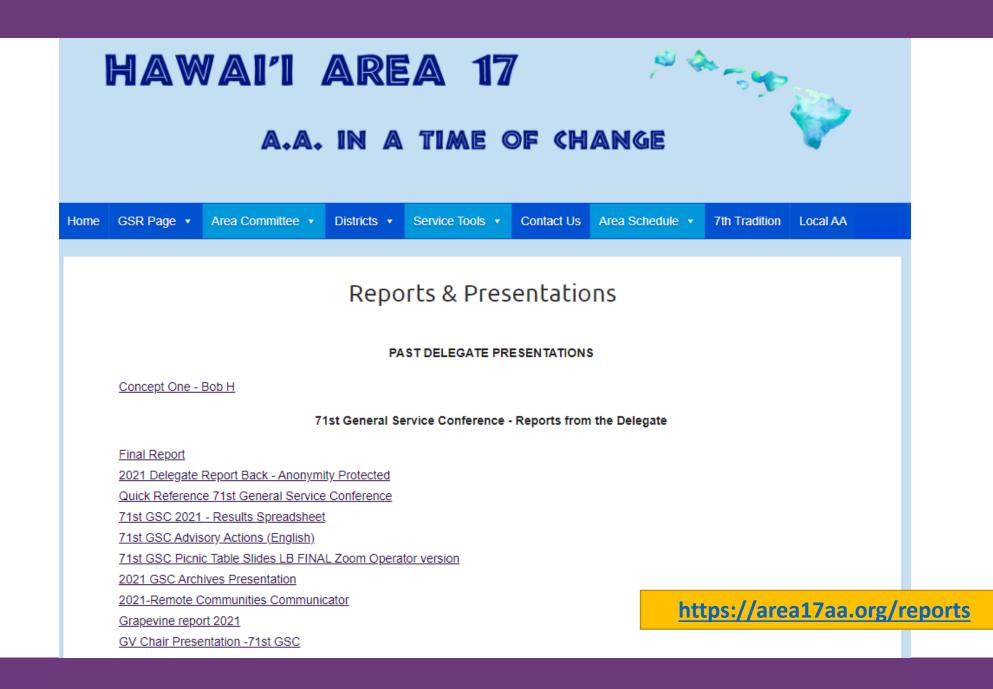
#### The Orleans Hotel and Casino











### 2021 "A.A. in a Time of Change"

The 71st Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## 71st GSC Final Report

- Arrived on Maui, Hawai'i Island & Oahu.
- Electronic version is available at <u>www.area17aa.org</u> or
- Please email <u>delegate@area17aa.org</u> for a copy.

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### 71st GSC Final Report

<b>Maui</b> 30 Copies	<b>Hawai'i Island</b> 50 Copies	<b>Oahu</b> 100 Copies
Mike L.	Tommy G.	Kunane D.
#5 – Maui No Ka 'Oi #11 – Kihei #13 – Tri-Island	#7 – Hilo – Hamakua #8 – West Hawaiʻi #12 - Puna	<ul> <li>#1 – Diamond Head</li> <li>#2 – Honolulu</li> <li>#3 – Leeward</li> <li>#4 – Windward</li> <li>#6 – Kauai</li> <li>#9 – Central North</li> <li>Shore</li> <li>#10 – Waikiki</li> <li>#17 - Waianae</li> </ul>

#### Workshop Topics Recommended by General Service Conference 1985 – 2022

- 2022: The Warranties Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World
- 2021: Inform Communicate Involve - Act Inspire - Attract
- 2020: Attraction Through Action
- 2019: Clarity of Purpose Addressing the Needs of Our Meetings
- 2018: Getting the A.A. Message Out..
- 2017: Anonymity The Spiritual Foundation
- 2016: G.S.B. Brainstorming Ideas no Workshop
- 2015: Conference Inventory no Workshop

#### English/Anglais/Ingles

Themes of the General Service Conference 1951 - 2022

# 2022 - A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service 2021 - A.A. in a Time of Change 2020 - 2020: A Clear Vision for You 2019 - Our Bjg Book - 80 Vers. 71 Languages 2018 - A.A. - A Solution for All Cenerations 2017 - Supporting Our Future 2016 - Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts 2018 - Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts 2019 - Our Bjg Book - 80 Verse of Recovery, Unity and Service - The Foundation of Our Future 2014 - Communicating Our Legacies - Vital in a Changing World 2013 - The General Service Conference Takes Its Inventory - Our Solution in Action 2011 - We are Responsible for A.A.'s Future - Left Begin With Us 2010 - Practicing A.A.'s Principles - The Pathway to Unity 2009 - Our Commitment to Carry A.A.'s Message - Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action

#### Presentations recommended by Conference 1985 – 2022

- 2022: How do A.A.'s go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve? Going Beyond Fear How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere
- 2021: Practicing A.A.'s Spiritual Principles in a Changing World: Recovery in a Changing World Unity in a Changing World Service in a Changing World
- 2020: Recovery Who is Missing in Our Rooms? Unity – Practicing Our Principles Service – Keeping A.A. Relevant
- 2019: Yesterday's World Our Legacies Begin Today's World – Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service Tomorrow's World – Courage to be Vigilant

### Request for Themes, Workshops, and Presentations

- Discuss at November Assembly
- Ideas due December 15, 2021

### **General Service Conference 2022**

A.A. Comes of Age 2.0 Unified in Love and Service

#### Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. www.aa.org 475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400

#### MEMORANDUM

- Date: September 21, 2021
- To: Members of the General Service Conference
- From: Steve Smith, secretary, Conference Agenda Committee
- Re: Conference Agenda Committee Request for Theme Suggestions

Please direct all communications to

Grand Central Station

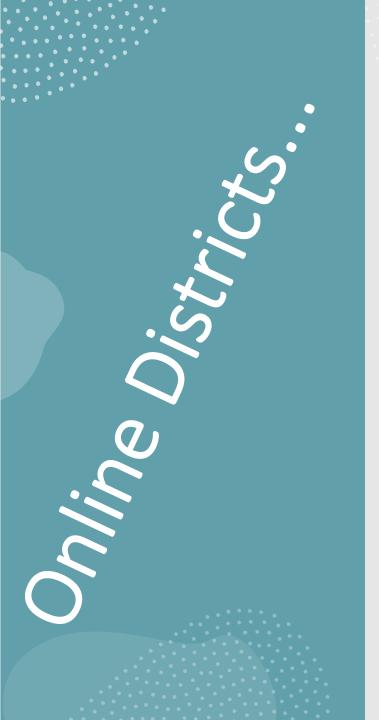
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# PACIFIC REGION



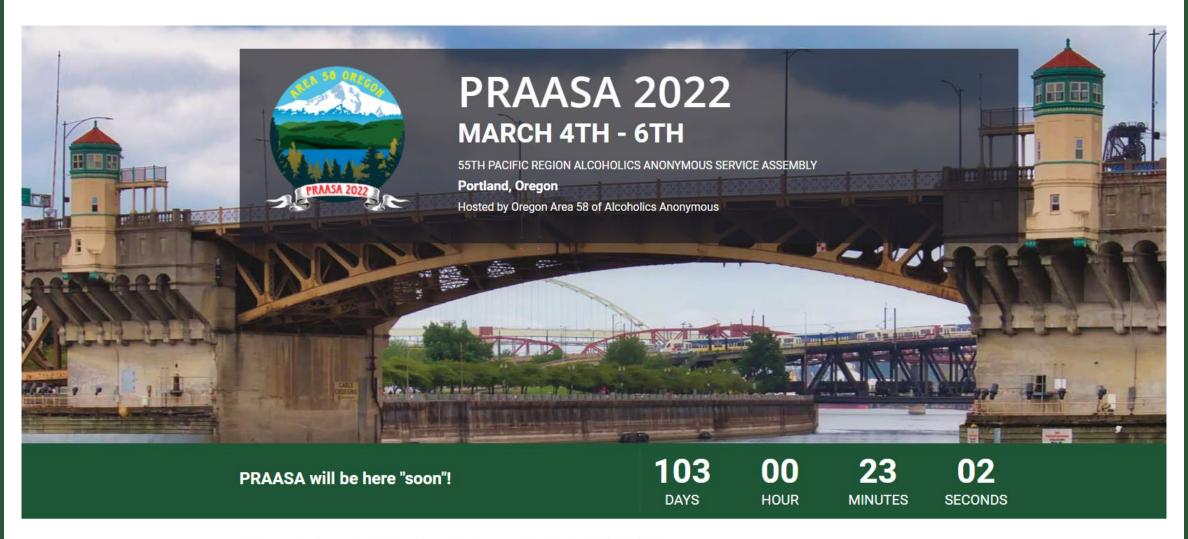
# Lots of discussion happening across all areas

## Area 72

- Passed a motion to create an "online district"
- Delegate meeting with the online groups to discuss
- Will pass on information to us

### **Pacific Region Election Assemblies**

AREA	PANEL 70	PANEL 71	PANEL 72
Area 02 – Alaska	Cheri S.		Tandy
Area 03 – Arizona	Kevin F.		TODAY
Area 05 – Southern California		Lauren A.	
Area 06 – Northern Coastal		Jennifer B.	
Area 07 – California Northern Interior	Tom A.		Jenn D.
Area 08 – San Diego	Gerry S.		Monty C.
Area 09 – Mid – Southern California	Ed L.		Mitchell B.
Area 17 – Hawai'i		Kunane D.	
Area 18 – Idaho	Thad N.		Candice C.
Area 42 – Nevada		Julie C.	
Area 58 – Oregon	Amber N.		Amber N.
Area 69 – Utah		Sheryl T.	
Area 72 – Western Washington		Geene D.	
Area 92 – Washington State East	Gary P.		
Area 93 – Central California		Karla Y.	



Join us in beautiful Portland, Oregon for PRAASA 2022!



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**RECOVERY ELEVATED** 

# GSO & GSC

## November

## Gratitude Month

Money and spirituality really do mix! A very simple story from our A.A. history illustrates this clearly:

In the book Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, Bill writes: "Let's begin with my own sponsor, Ebby. When Ebby heard how serious my drinking was, he resolved to visit me. He was in New York; I was in Brooklyn. His resolve was not enough; he had to take action and he had to spend money. He called me on the phone and then got into the subway; total cost, ten cents. At the level of the telephone booth and subway turnstile, spirituality and money began to mix. One without the other would have amounted to nothing at all. Right then and there, Ebby established the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money."

# 2021 Board Weekend

October/November

### 2021 General Service Board Weekend

- First General Service Board Meeting – Hybrid
- Sister Judith Ann Karam, Class A Trustee, "Nun" Alcoholic
- Business has been getting done over the past 2 years
- Missing the hallway, dinner and meeting after the meeting conversations – the spiritual connection

### EXPRESS YOUR LEVEL OF SAFETY

(Place the appropriate sticker on your name tag)

- I prefer 6' social distance
- I'm ok with fist bumps & elbows
- I'm ok with hugs

## Highlights

Committee	Highlights
Corrections	Corrections Correspondence System (C.C.S.) launched September 28, 2021
Regional Forums	Return to in-person in 2022
Grapevine	<ul> <li>5200 people have listened to thePodcasts</li> <li>Website traffic has increased</li> <li>2000 requests from the correction desk / 1200 Carry the Message Subscriptions <ul> <li>Subscriptions received are making a difference</li> <li>The need for more is real</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Finance	<ul> <li>Contributions YTD: \$7,416,647 (74%)</li> <li>2022 expenses will be higher</li> <li>Final conference reports are a big cost – consider digital</li> </ul>
International Conventions	<ul> <li>Survey being dispatched (4 time periods) to measure interest.</li> </ul>

## **General Service Conference**

72nd GSC will return to in-person following the 2019 schedule

178 submitted proposed agenda items – being reviewed

## EQUITY OF DISTRIBUTION

Still in discussion.



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# Literature Committee

## Trustees' Literature Committe

**Implemented 4 sub-committees/workgroups** to address agenda items moved forward from the 71st GSC:

- **1. 5th Edition** Beau B.
- 2. Plain Language & workbook Caroline B.W.
- 3. A.A. Pamphlet for the Black and African American Vera R. w/target audience
- 4. 4th edition of the Spanish Big Book Amaliya C.

G.S.O is gathering additional information regarding the **pamphlet for the Native American**.

**Equity of agenda items:** There will be additional discussion among the trustees prior to moving forward. The committee is not sure how this will impact agenda items that are already part of our committee (carryover) along with new agenda items for the 72nd GSC.

The trustees are requesting additional information on a few agenda other agenda items that were approved at the GSC. The literature committee will is scheduling a meeting to discuss these items with Deb K., Trustees' Literature Committee Chair.

### **Board Weekend Happenings...**

## Agenda Items

### • 60+ received

• New pamphlets, rescind decisions, stop development, continue development, add to...

## Literature Development

- Updates are moving forward
- Reports were reviewed
- Drafts will be distributed as background material

New Pamphlet Requests

- Many were recieved
- Respectfully declining this year. Asked to resubmit for the next conference.

### **Board Weekend Happenings...**

Plain & Simple Big Book Translation

### • Requests to stop

- Moving forward
- Many opportunities to stop or tak new direction
- Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB)

## 12 X 12

- Requests to stop the changes
- Trustees committee putting forth an agenda item to the conference
  - Reveiw changes
  - Submitted requests combined in to the background material

"Not one of us is given a torch big enough to lead the drunks of the world out of the darkness and into the light. Instead, each one of us have been give a candle that burns for a short while with a flickering flame. If we stand together, the light will outshine the greatest torch. If we argue and bicker and blow at each other's candle so that each of us starts shielding our little flame, then the alcoholics of the world will continue to suffer in darkness, and so will we."

> Ken N. 49th General Service Conference, 1995



# MAHALO NUI

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