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June 28, 2024

To: Area Delegates and Area Committee Officers in the U.S.

Re: **April 2025 Vacancy for Class B Trustee-at-Large/U.S.**

Dear A.A. Friends,

At the General Service Conference in April 2025 a Class B Trustee-at-Large/U.S. will be elected to serve to succeed Marita R.

The attached election information is being mailed to all area delegates and committee officers in the U.S.

Each area in the U.S. may nominate a trustee-at-large candidate, and the suggested procedure for this election is outlined in the attached, "Procedures for Electing a Candidate for Trustee-at-Large U.S. or Canada." The General Service Board wishes to emphasize that A.A. service background and experience are the primary qualifications for trustee candidates.

Time Required of Class B Trustee-at-Large/U.S.

Since much is asked of the trustees with respect to their time, please be sure your candidate understands the commitment.

Trustees are expected to attend the following:

- Three Quarterly Board weekends (Summer, Fall & Winter) - meetings typically run from Saturday morning through Monday noon.
- A fourth Quarterly meeting (Spring) combined with the General Service Conference (seven days) in April.
- Special meetings of the Board.
- Trustees serve on committees of the General Service Board and may also serve on trustees' subcommittees involving multiple conference calls.
- Rotational attendance at Regional Forums.
- May be asked to serve for two years on either the A.A. World Services Board or A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board and also include possible corporate board subcommittees.
- May be invited to participate in regional or area activities such as service conferences, area assemblies, etc.
- World Service Meetings - Trustees-at-large – one from the U.S. and one from Canada – serve as the World Service Meeting delegates representing the U.S. and Canada. They participate in two World Service Meetings, which are held once every two years – the meeting place alternating between New York City and a location outside the U.S. and Canada.

- International Travel - Trustees-at-large will occasionally be invited to attend international events that will require additional time away from home. They represent the General Service Board at these events in helping to carry the A.A. message.
- REDELA (Meeting of the Americas) – In the year between the World Service Meetings, the trustees-at-large attend a Western Hemisphere Zonal Meeting – the REDELA (Meeting of the Americas) – as delegates representing the U.S. and Canada.

Trusteeship is for four one-year terms. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this time commitment with their families and employers. Trustees are reimbursed for travel, hotel and meal expenses.

Prior Conferences have recommended that no area submit the same person as candidate for both regional and trustee-at-large/U.S. or Canada at the same Conference. Also, a General Service Conference delegate is not eligible to be submitted as a trustee candidate until *one year after* their last Conference. Panel 73 delegates will not be eligible for a trustee position at the 2025 Conference.

As soon as possible after the election, the Area Delegate only must send to the General Service Office secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, nominating@aa.org, the name and contact information of the candidate.

The Nominating secretary will send the candidate a resume form which is to be returned to the Nominating secretary by email or mail at the General Service Office by the candidate only before January 1, 2025. It should be completed, signed, and dated by the candidate before it is sent to the Nominating secretary.

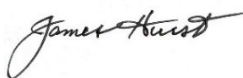
In accordance with a 1977 Conference Action, any resumes received at the General Service Office after the January 1 deadline must be returned to the delegate in the submitting area (in other words, the candidate will not be eligible for election in April).

Please prepare the resume carefully. A 1983 Conference Action recommends that all resumes be presented to the trustees' Committee on Nominating and the Conference Committee on Trustees exactly as received, with the exception that spelling and grammatical errors may be corrected by the General Service Office staff preparing resumes for distribution. Original resumes are retained for reference.

If your area chooses not to elect a trustee-at-large candidate, please let us know. It would be helpful if resume forms and all other correspondence pertaining to trustee elections are addressed to James Hurst, Secretary, Trustees' Committee on Nominating, at the General Service Office in New York City or by email to nominating@aa.org .

We look forward to hearing from you, as soon as your election takes place, and all here send warm wishes.

Sincerely yours,



James Hurst
Trustees' Committee on Nominating

Attachments: [Procedures for Electing a Candidate for Trustee-at-Large U.S. or Canada Trustee-at-Large - Resume Sheet](#)