

DELEGATE REPORT

JANUARY 24, 2026

Aloha and welcome the first Area Business Meeting of 2026, and the latter half of Panel 75. I'm honored to serve as your Delegate to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous with an appointment to the Conference Finance Committee. Thank you for your confidence.

FIRST, OLD BUSINESS:

The 75th General Service Conference Final Report is available!

- I will hand out books to the Area Committee Members during dinner, tonight only.
- You can find all the reports from the different boards, trustees, staff, and information on the Conference Inventory online at aa.org. In the search bar type final conference report.

The General Service Conference Inventory:

- It was recommended at the 73rd General Service Conference that: In an effort to improve communication, ensure Board policies are reflective of our principles, and reestablish a relationship of trust between the General Service Conference, the General Service Board and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, the General Service Board is asked to undertake an inventory prior to the 74th General Service Conference. To assist the Board in this endeavor, the 73rd General Service Conference will establish a working group to aid the General Service Board in formulating possible inventory questions.
- It was recommended at the 73rd General Service Conference that: The General Service Conference conduct a thorough inventory of itself during the 2025 General Service Conference and that a Conference Inventory Planning Committee be established by the General Service Board to develop a comprehensive inventory plan, time- line and cost estimate, to bring forward to the 2024 Conference Committee on Agenda.
 - The Conference Inventory Implementation Committee will report back to the 2026 General Service Conference.

NEXT, FINANCE: LET'S TALK ABOUT MONEY.

As of September 30, 2025, the Reserve Fund Assets total \$12.078 (Twelve point Seventy-Eight) million consisting of cash and certificates of deposit. Less the liability for unfulfilled Grapevine subscriptions of \$540k, the Reserve Fund Balance is \$11.538 (Eleven point five hundred thirty-eight) million. At its Q3 meeting, the GSB approved a drawdown of \$350K (three hundred fifty thousand) for AAGV operations and up to \$2.1 million for the GSO retrofit. As of September 30, \$147K (one-hundred forty-seven thousand) of the \$2.1 million has been drawn down.

Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine and La Viña (total \$22.33 million) the reserve fund balance is equal to 6.20 months of operating expenses. If the entire \$2.1 million authorized for the retrofit is drawn down, the reserve fund will have between 5.0 and 5.25 months of operating expenses. Note that

the calculation of months of operating expenses is influenced equally by (1) the size of the Reserve Fund Balance and (2) the level of GSO, Grapevine and La Viña expenses.

I am reporting on the most recent report to delegates regarding the Reserve Fund - the Q3 Quarterly Financial Report, dated September 30th. Part IV: Reserve Fund and Grapevine Subscription Liability.

There have been concerns expressed throughout the Fellowship, including here locally, about the Reserve Fund balance. There will be more detailed reporting regarding the reserve fund in the Q4 Quarterly Financial Report following the General Service Board meeting January 30th to February 2nd.

In other words,

- Total operating revenue is \$13,775,293 which is about 6% less than the budget of \$14,608,870.
- Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$13,650,321, which is about 3% less than the budget of \$14,059,309.
- Operating surplus before depreciation is \$124,971 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$549,561.
- Contributions are \$7.08M which is 11% less than budgeted and significantly lower (13%) than 2024.
- Due to capital expenditures a 2.45M drawdown on the Reserve Fund was approved at the July 2025 board meeting (2.1M for retrofit and 350K for GVLV operations).

Grapevine / La Viña Summary Year to Date September 30, 2025

Numbers reflected below are based on the re-forecasted budget approved at the July board meeting

- Grapevine's bottom line (GV Net Loss) (312K) has improved by 51% from this time last year. After the Q2 losses were reforecast at \$300K.
 - Keep in mind our initial 2026 budget, expected a loss of \$134,862.
- App subscriptions grew 24% (17,057 vs 13,771), but print declined -8% (41,643 vs 45,492) Subscription income is \$31K higher than the reforecast and \$51K higher than last year.
- Total Gross Margin is \$1.372M, which is an \$111K improvement over last year and \$32K higher than the reforecast.
- Operating expenses (before depreciation) were \$1.572M, \$30K over reforecast but \$227K lower than last year.
- Total subscriptions are 192 above reforecast, but 563 lower than last year. As expected, digital and app subscriptions increased, while print subscriptions declined. (In Q3 we experienced a boost of 1,000 app subscriptions from the International Convention.)
- GV Subscription income is above reforecast and higher than last year. This is primarily due to a prior price increase, as renewing subscribers are paying higher rates.
- La Vina cost of service was \$364K, \$1K over budget, but \$78K (18%) lower than the first nine months of 2024.
- Year over year, La Viña subscriptions have grown and higher income from both subscriptions and content sales, while having reduced overall expenses.
 - Subscriptions for La Viña continue to do well with an average of 8,036. This is 1,050 higher than last year but is under forecast by 437.

\$14 on the 14th Challenge: Valentine's Day Challenge.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 76th General Service Conference:

- The Conference is themed, “Humility in Action” and will take place at the New York Hilton Midtown on April 26th to May 2. My conference Buddy is from Northern Minnesota, Area 35., the West Central Region.

Preliminary Agenda Topics:

- This year 110 Proposed Agenda Items (PAI) were received prior to the September 30 th deadline.
- The final agenda topics will be available in February 2026, with background information available by late February. I will send an email as the information becomes available.

Pre-conference Schedule: (Information will emailed over the coming months and also available on the Delegates Page on the Area Website.)

- I will distribute agenda topics and background information to the Area Committee at the March Committee Meeting.
- The online Delegates Corner will give members an opportunity to discuss topics over the course of 10 continuous days.
- Inform the Delegate Assembly slated for April 18-19 will bring us together to participate in a mock-conference assembly chaired by Bob H. Panel 67 Delegate.
- Conference Agenda Items and background will be available on the area website and password protected.

Corrections:

- Sharing from Behind the Walls Newsletter: We are limiting our printing and mailing due to cost. We will continue providing physical copies in return letters to incarcerated members. If you would like to read it, digital versions are available on aa.org

Conference Inventory Implementation Committee:

- Inventory committee met 2x a month Sept – Dec 2025. The committee will function as any other conference committee and provide recommendations accompanied by considerations to the 76th General Service Conference. The background be provided like other agenda items.

International Convention Report:

- We are still waiting for a final financial report and hope to have that in Q1 2026.

General Service Office Retrofit/Remodel:

- The office shifted to remote operations on August 11 to support a planned retrofit, originally expected to conclude within 10–12 weeks. Construction was paused after asbestos was

unexpectedly discovered. We will not be responsible for additional costs. The office will continue operating remotely and updates will be shared as timelines are confirmed.

Literature:

- Effective February 1, 2026, you will see a price increase of \$3 per item for books and a 15% increase for all other literature items.
- Plain Language Big Book is nearing its first year with 214,000+ print copies sold, 7,500 eBooks reported. The audiobook is moving forward and a target launch in mid-2026 (cost estimated \$10.5K)
- 5 th Edition Big Book: Aim to have a draft for the 76 th GSC. New stories will be Committee Eyes Only. People who submitted stories will be notified if/when the Conference approves the book.
- 4 th Edition Spanish Big Book: Progress report will be provided at the 76 th GSC.
- We are seeking stories of personal recovery from all members in the A.A. with ethnic or cultural ties to Asia <https://www.aa.org/submit-story-asian-and-asian-american-alcoholic-alcoholic-pamphlet> and from all transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, Two-Spirit, and gender non-conforming members. <https://www.aa.org/submit-story-aa-for-the-transgender-alcoholic-pamphlet>
- Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2026

Meeting Guide App - Impacts Meeting Guide releases after November 1, 2025

- Due to Google Play Store policy updates, all Android apps, including Meeting Guide, must meet new system and security requirements. Check for any required updates! Instructions to check and update your Android version: <https://support.google.com/android/answer/7680439>

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA):

- This weekend, we are looking for members from this body to have their name submitted to the PRAASA Program Committee. The PRAASA volunteer positions for this request for service help would be to do one of the following assignments: Panel Speaker, Panel Timer, Panel Reader, Panel Moderator, and Round-table moderator. The sign-up sheet is here on my table.

Public Information:

- Check out the new “Young People Shorts” on AA’s YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@alcoholicsanonymousworldse1373/shorts>
- New YP Service Card: PI has released a service card with the ability to customize for local YP information to use in outreach to YP. <https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/yp-service-card-en-update.pdf>

Regional Forum:

- The regional forum is held once a rotation in the Pacific Region, the next Pacific Regional Form will be on December 4 – 6, 2026 in San Diego, California.

Respectfully,

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