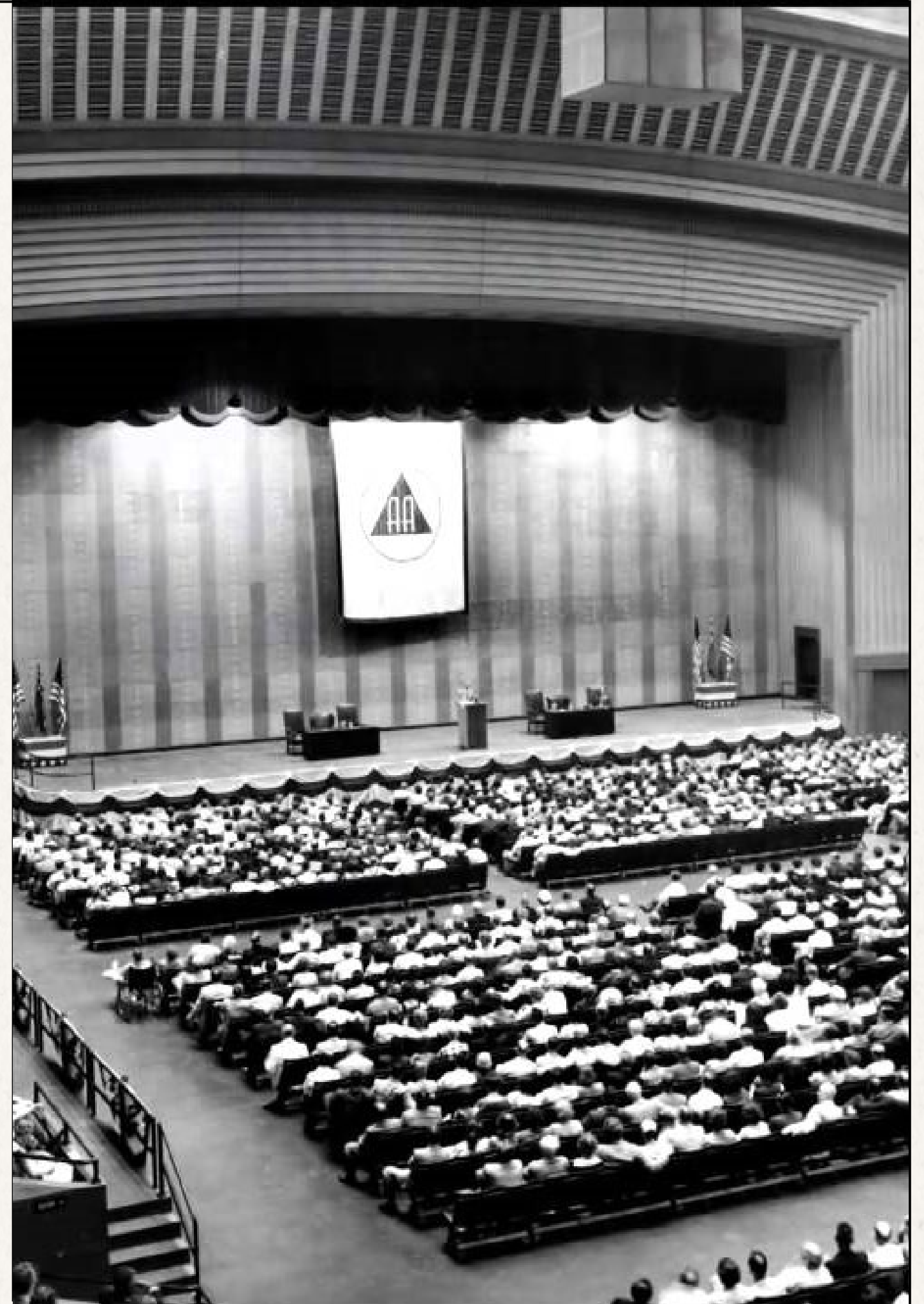


# WELCOME TO SERVICE

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# WHAT IS AREA?





# THE THREE LEGACIES

## RECOVERY

Expressed through our  
**12 Steps**

## UNITY

Expressed through our  
**12 Traditions**

## SERVICE

Expressed through our  
**12 Concepts**

# THIRD LEGACY

## AA SERVICE

ANYTHING WHATEVER THAT HELPS US REACH A FELLOW  
SUFFERER; IT INCLUDES:

- meeting places
- hospital cooperation
- intergroup offices
- literature
- committees
- delegates
- trustees
- conferences
- voluntary money contributions





# THIRD LEGACY OF SERVICE

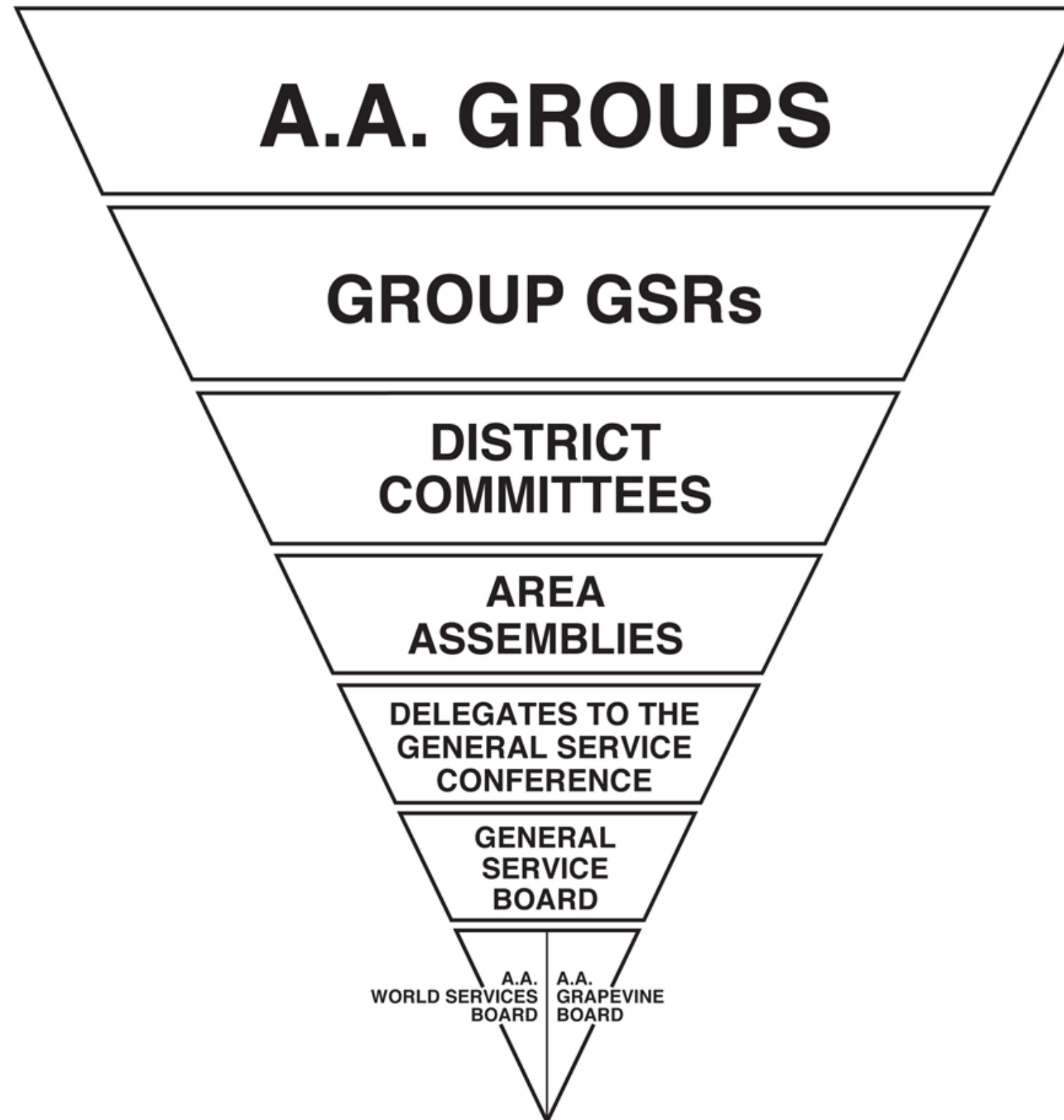
## GENERAL SERVICE

Enables AA to function as a whole (GSO, AWS, AA, GV, GSB)

## IMPORTANCE

Responsible for our worldwide unity and growth; provide  
the tools that we use to carry the message

**STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE  
(U.S. and Canada)**



# BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

## BILL'S VISION

Connect Groups and NY  
Headquarters; he and Bob had been  
that link

## BOB'S DIAGNOSIS

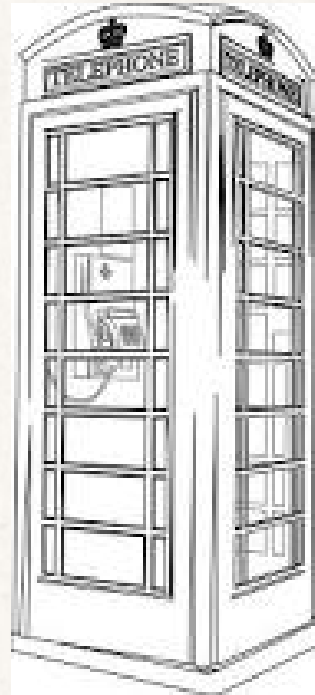
Accelerated need to link the Groups  
to Board

## GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Link accomplished through the  
General Service Conference –  
collective conscience of our whole  
Fellowship.



# AA HISTORY TIMELINE



**1935**

AA began

**1938**

Alcoholic Foundation,  
later renamed General  
Service Board

**1939**

Big Book published

**1940's**

AA Growth Period;  
services, publishing,  
Grapevine, NY Office

**Late 1940's**

Bill & others developed  
AA Service Structure

**1951**

1<sup>st</sup> General Service  
Conference

**1955**

St. Louis Convention –  
mantel of leadership  
passed to the Fellowship





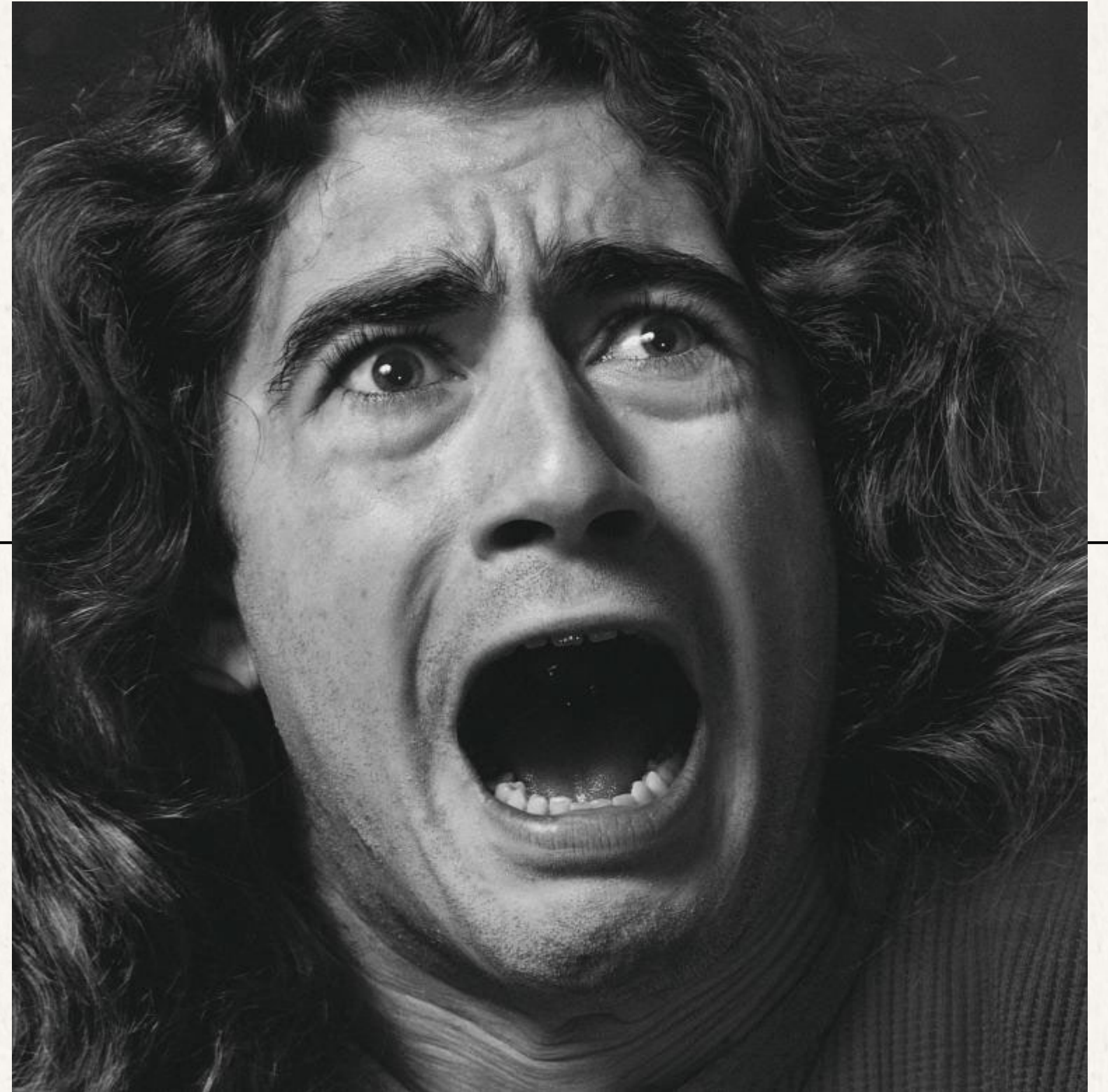
## WHY DO WE NEED A CONFERENCE?

“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.”

Bernard B Smith

**So you're the  
GSR, now what?**

**Don't worry...  
you are fine.**

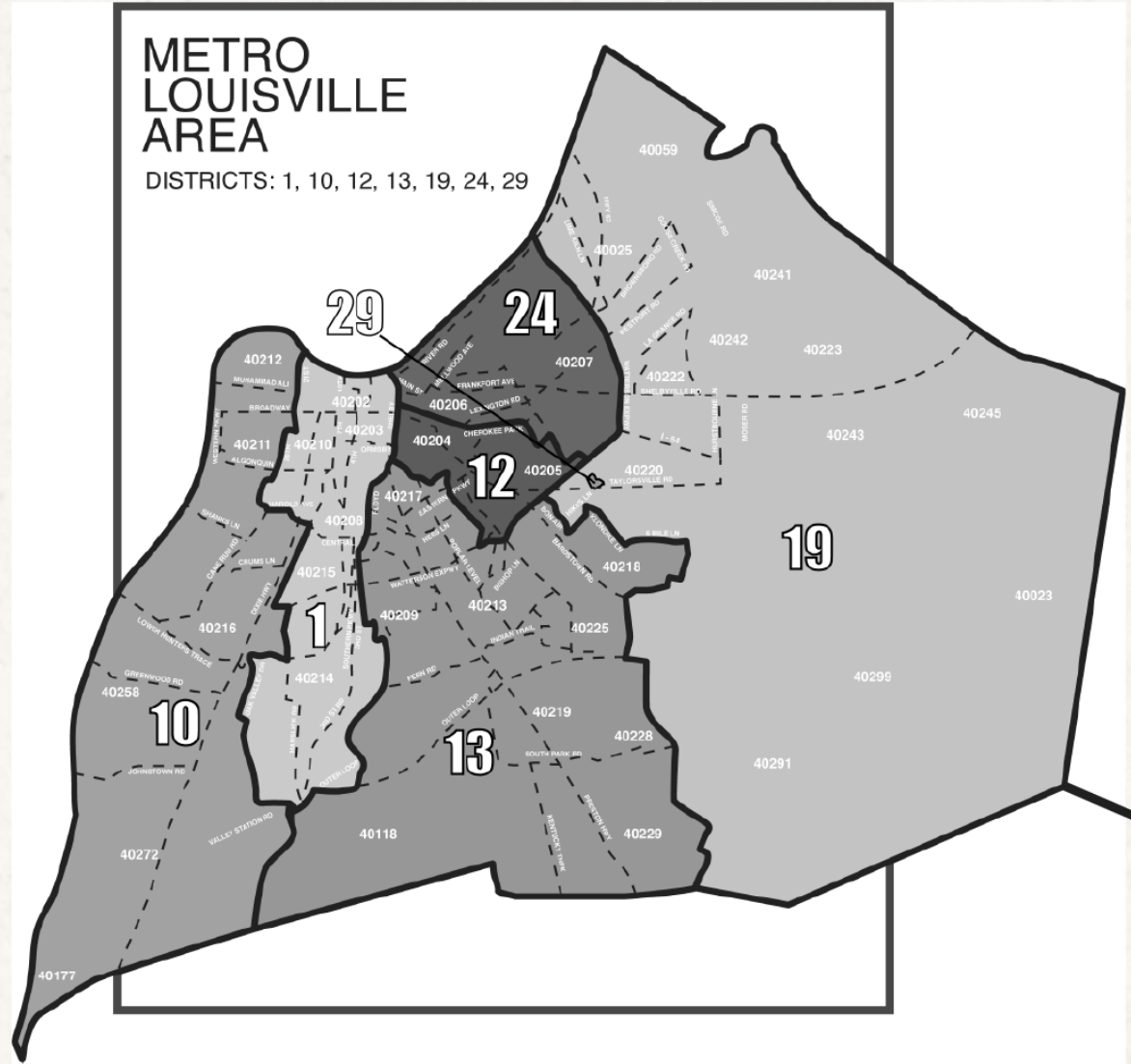


# **THE GSR: YOUR GROUP'S LINK TO AA AS A WHOLE**

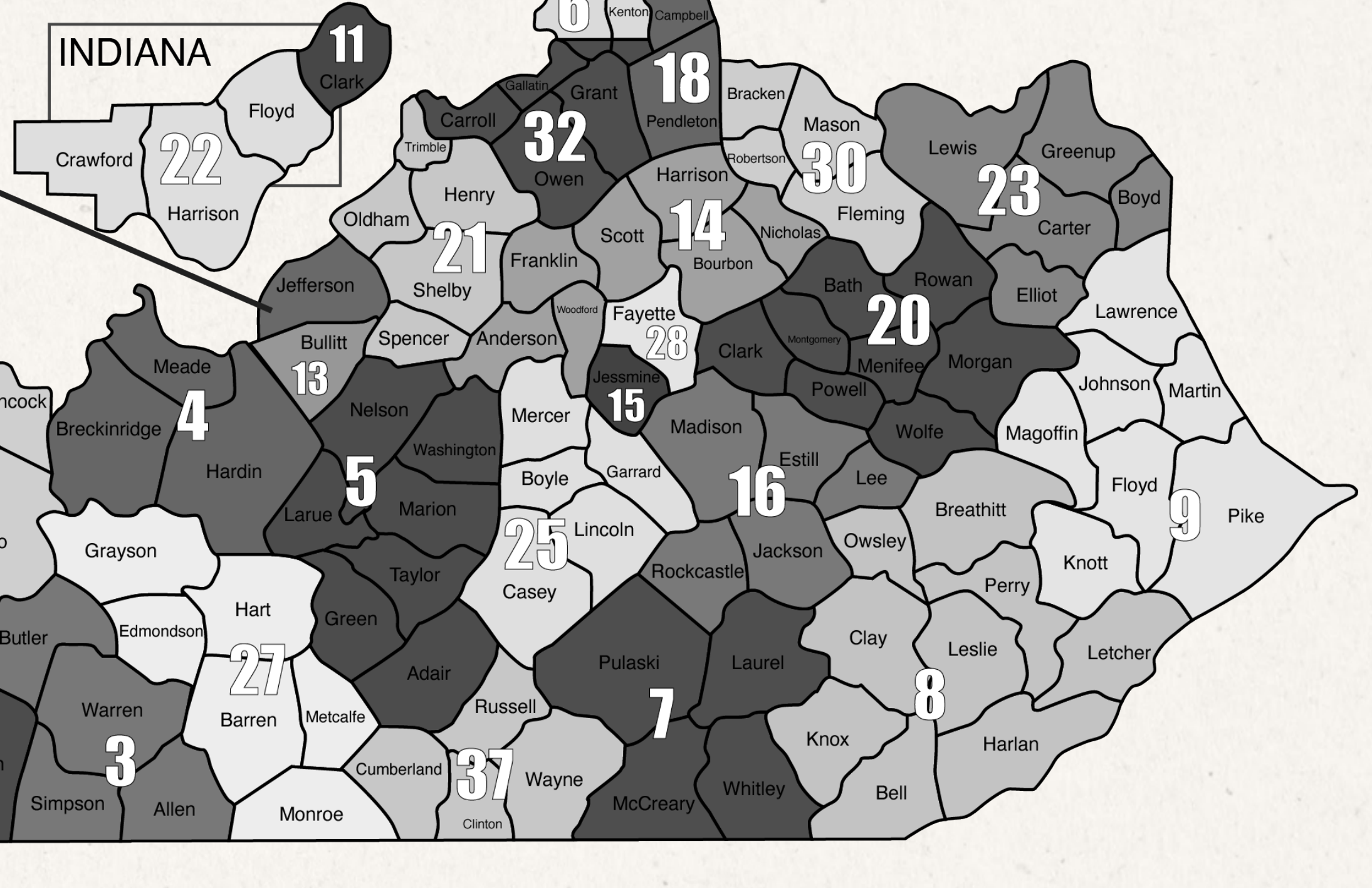
- GSR Pamphlet & Service Manual
- Who is your DCM?
- Attend District and Area Meetings
- Get a Service Sponsor
- Bring enthusiastic reports back to your group
- “What I saw, heard and felt”

**METRO LOUISVILLE AREA**

DISTRICTS: 1, 10, 12, 13, 19, 24, 29



**INDIANA**







# WHAT HAPPENS AT AREA MEETINGS?

- AREA MEETING
- WELCOME TO SERVICE
- DCM MEETING
- STANDING COMMITTEES
- WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
- BUSINESS MEETING
- REPORTS/DISCUSSION
- NEW BUSINESS





# COMMITTEES

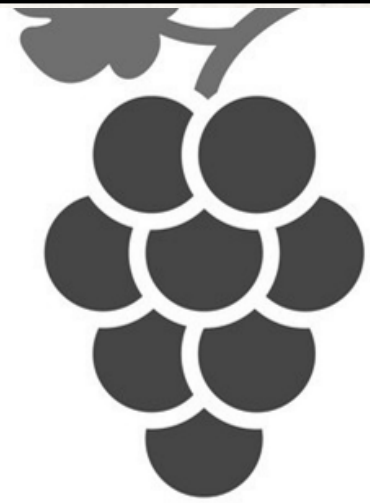
COORDINATE WORK RELATED TO  
CARRYING THE MESSAGE IN AREA 26

CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE WITH GSO



# COMMITTEES

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



# AAGRAPEVINE



# COMMITTEES: a brief description

	<b>FINANCE</b> Financial matters of Area 26	<b>CORRECTIONS</b> Behind the walls	<b>LITERATURE</b> Integrity of AA message through publications
<b>CPC</b> Inform Professionals	<b>TREATMENT</b> Carry AA message to treatment facilities	<b>ACCESSIBILITIES</b> Challenges accessing the AA message	

# COMMITTEES: a brief description

	<b>PUBLIC INFO</b> Information to the general public and media	<b>ARCHIVES</b> Preserves and shares heritage of our fellowship	<b>GV &amp; LA VIÑA</b> Our meeting in print
<b>KY NEWS</b> Area 26 quarterly newsletter	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> Maintains Area Tech assets and website	<b>REGISTRAR</b> Maintains group and district info	

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE CYCLE

# 2024

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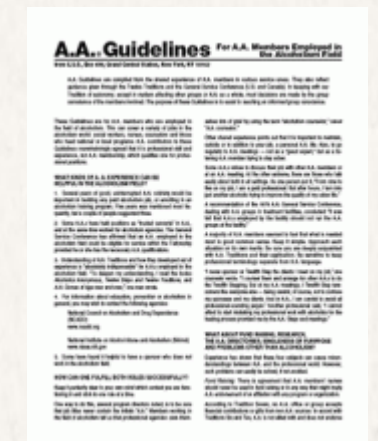
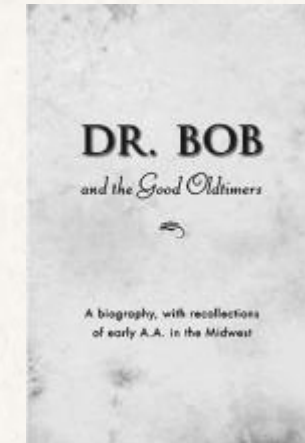
  

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- JANUARY – new panel every two years
- FEBRUARY – GSC background material
  - APRIL – delegate to the GSC
  - MAY/JUNE – delegate reports
  - JULY – delegate report to Area 26
- AUGUST/SEPTEMBER – reports and workshops
- OCTOBER – Area Assembly (elections every two years)

# RESOURCES

- AA Service Manual
- SSAASA and Regional Forums
- Service Literature
- AA Guidelines
- Dr. Bob & the Good Old Timers
- Area26.net
- AA Comes of Age
- Box 459



So. What's the secret to success?

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