

April 15, 2012 Delegate's Report

Good morning Area 15! Thank you District 2 for hosting the Quarterly. I appreciate all the hard work of the committee.

Thank you EI for taking time to come down to South FL as our guest during a very hectic time. EI and I face a very big challenge this week – deciding what clothes we should take to NY for a 9-day trip! It's a bigger challenge than you might think! ;-0

I had some technology challenges this weekend. I had much of my report for today on my netbook on Friday night, but on Saturday morning it died! Thank you to the half dozen trusted servants here that rallied to help me so that I do have a report for you today!

Dominica

In the Remote Communities meeting and the District Chairs' meeting we discussed the possibility of four groups on the island of Dominica becoming part of the District 14 structure. The groups have approached District 14 requesting to become part of the District and District 14 has discussed and agreed to the request. Meanwhile, the four groups have submitted new group forms through the District and Area to the GSO and have been listed as international groups, not Area 15 groups. After direct discussion with Jim M on the GSO Group Services desk it was recommended that we thoroughly review this within our Area since this is yet another country that we are asking to bring into the U.S. and Canada General Service Structure. Area 15 is the only Area in this structure that serves other countries.

There has been and is a great deal of effort put forth by our Trustees and GSO in working to help other countries establish and maintain their own General Service Structures. We want to make sure that we are not hindering the development of such structures by simply agreeing to embrace more and more countries within our Area. District 14 is at liberty to assist and serve the groups of Dominica regardless of whether Dominica is listed as International or not. After a lengthy discussion in the District Chairmen's meeting, it seems that the most appropriate course of action is for District 14 to be of service to the Dominica groups and to list the groups on the District 14 website so that those seeking a meeting there can more easily find one. This does not make Dominica part of the Area 15 structure. Secondly, the Area 15 Delegate will interface with the Trustee-at-Large U.S. (Don M.) and General Manager of the G.S.O. (Phyllis H.) to gain insight into possible future growth avenues of the Caribbean Islands toward an international alliance, possibly to move toward a General Service Structure of their own. EI N, our Southeast Regional Trustee, will first contact Don M and Phyllis H. to establish a possible meeting time for the four of us during Conference week. There we will begin a focused communication on this topic. As the discussion progresses, I will interface with the Area 15 Remote Communities Committee and District 14 to provide information and possible direction under the guidance of our G.S.O. GM and Trustees-At-Large.

Advisory Actions PDF

I received a letter from Valerie O, the GSO Publications Director informing me that because of a request that I made in December, she presented a request to the A.A.W.S. Board to create a searchable PDF of the 1951-2009 Conference Advisory Actions that will be available to the

Fellowship upon request. The CAAs will then be compiled in Spanish and French and be made available in both booklet and PDF format.

Literature

A.A. GV has eBooks Language of the Heart, and most recently The Best of Bill available on the A.A. GV website. You can download in formats for iBook, NOOK, and Kindle. A.A.W.S. now posts the Daily Reflections reading of the day on the website and is investigating mass email delivery currently being developed by the Grapevine. The Daily Reflections and Living Sober eBooks will be available sometime after the Conference.

Daily Reflections and As Bill Sees It eBook pricing is approved at \$7 each while Living Sober and Came to Believe eBook pricing is approved at \$4 each. 3,609 eBooks have been purchased since Dec 9, 2011 amounting to \$21,654. 1,904 were Big Books and 1,705 were Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

A.A.W.S. Publishing Finances through February 2012

A.A.W.S. gross sales: \$2.27 million

Total units distributed: 310,434 units

Non-A.A. purchases: 42,200 units (14%)

A.A.W.S. 2011

Net sales	\$12.5 million (2.6% greater than 2010)
Contributions	\$6.25 million (2.2% less than 2010)
Net Profit	\$819,000 (\$519,000 better than budgeted)

eBook Project \$225,000 (less than anticipated \$245,000)

No additional eBook funds from the Reserve Fund are anticipated for 2012.

A.A.W.S. 2012 Budget

Net sales	\$12.7 million
Contributions	\$6.53 million
Net Profit	\$148,000

Grapevine and La Viña Finances

A.A. Grapevine achieved a small net profit in 2011 of \$23,000. This was due in part to a 600 subscription purchase by ICYPAA. The budgeted net income for 2012 is \$34,000.

La Viña net loss for 2011 was \$70,000 with an anticipated 2012 net loss of \$105,000.

General Service Conference agenda considerations

That background for the Conference Agenda Items be translated into French and/or Spanish, After lengthy discussion the committee agreed that the cost of providing this service from G.S.O. would be prohibitive, and took no action.

I submitted proposed Conference agenda items related to the next two A.A.W.S. discussions:

- 1) That the policy and process used for listing and delisting A.A. groups be revised to protect the integrity of the A.A. groups and the message of A.A. It was agreed the topic warrants broad consideration by the Fellowship, and discussion will continue at the June A.A.W.S. meeting.

- 2) That a policy be formulated to determine the types of literature which do not require consideration by the GSC and the types of literature that should receive Conference consideration and that the policies define what are 'editorial' and "format" changes to literature. Discussion will continue at the next A.A.W.S. meeting.

The third proposed Conference Agenda item that I submitted related to the A.A. Sponsorship pamphlet was delayed in the Trustees Literature committee so it will not be discussed at the Conference this year. The committee will continue to review the item in its July meeting and it may be sent to the Conference Literature committee for next year's Conference.

62nd General Service Conference

Each second year delegate has the opportunity to serve the Conference in some way. I have been selected to serve in two capacities. First, I will be the chairman for one of the two presentation session held during Conference week. Secondly, I was chosen to be the tabulator for the election process for two new Regional Trustees. I am very excited to be able to participate in these aspects of the Conference.

Conference reports to your Districts are all scheduled except the island districts. Thank you to all the Districts for your loving invitations and assistance with scheduling. The schedule is available on our Area 15 website at www.area15aa.org on the Delegate's page.

Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board

Grapevine is currently accepting resumes for qualified candidates for the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board. I forwarded information on the qualifications to your District Chairs. In addition, there is a call for resumes for A.A. Grapevine Board Non-Trustee Director. Young people... I encourage you all especially to consider applying for this position. The GVB needs a young person's point of view. If you have any type of business experience, please consider applying for the Non-Trustee Director position.

Thank You

Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of such an incredible journey in Alcoholics Anonymous. As your Delegate, I feel you all in my heart every step of the way. I could not be an effective servant in this position if not for your amazing support. Thank you for your love of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Love in service, Kathy G., Delegate Panel 61