Delegate Report Area 25 Committee meeting October 2026

2026 Final Conference Reports have been ordered, 80 English and 40 Spanish. I had hoped to have them here before committee meeting. They will be available at January Assembly.

GSO has received many questions about the 5th edition Big Book and has put together a list of FAQs. You can find these on the area website at a link under the Delegate Corner menu option.

Last week, as Alternate Chair of the Policy and Admissions Committee, I participated in a Proposed Agenda Item, or PAI, feedback call. Out of 221 PAIs submitted, our committee has potentially 48 of those. The Conference Coordinator has attempted to group them by similarity into 9 categories.

1. PAIs for new policies on Committee Recommendations/Floor Actions

   These address delaying non-PAI recommendations such as recommendations that come out of Committee or Floor Actions to be addressed at the following year's Conference

2. PAIs for policies regarding the Big Book

   These are asking for an extended period of time for the Fellowship to look at any changes to the first 164, The Doctor's Opinion, Preface, Forward's, Dr. Bob's Nightmare, and Appendices and require a 3 / 4 majority vote of registered groups.

3. PAIs for Moratorium on Changes to Founder's Writings

   Proposing No Changes (substantial, grammatical, or spelling) to the first 164, The Doctor's Opinion, Preface, Forward's, Dr. Bob's Nightmare, Appendices, 12X12, Language of the Heart, As Bill Sees It, A.A. Comes of Age, Dr. Bob – Pass It On, Our Great Responsibility, and Bill's Letters.

4. PAIs for forwarding rates of Proposed Agenda Items

   To establish a priority of submitted PAIs to 67% from Fellowship, 33% from Board, Staff, AAWS and Grapevine

5. PAI for Global Participation Regarding pre-1971 Writings

   Just like it sounds, we declined to forward this to Conference because other language translations loosely parallel the English version and, in most cases, cannot word for word translate

6. PAIs for New Delegate Area

   Discussion for creation of an On-line Delegate Area

7. PAI to Reaffirm Article 5

   GSC reaffirm section 5 (Area Assemblies, Composition of), in the current Conference Charter, which states: Area assemblies, are composed of the elected general service representatives of all A.A. groups desiring to participate, district committee members, and area committee officers in each of the delegate areas of the United States and Canada

8. PAI to Consolidate Conference Committees

   Consolidate the Treatment & Accessibilities, Corrections, Public Information (excluding digital media) and CPC into a District and Intergroup Support Committee. This committee would work on both emerging agenda items and continue to review kits and workbooks. Declined to forward this

9. PAI for Alternating Years Online General Service Conference

   Submitted as a cost savings PAI

The 3rd Quarter Board Report was released. There have been some questions regarding the CPC Welcoming Language Subcommittee. It was formed by the CPC chair to discuss accessibility issues created by language perceived as derogatory in AAWS literature and communication used by healthcare professionals.

The Finance committee reviewed the unaudited financial results for the six months ended June 30, 2026. Total operating revenue is $10,329,213, slightly more than the year-to-date (YTD) budget of $10,318,128. Total operating expenses before depreciation are $9,561,563, which is about 5% less than the YTD budget of $10,043,499. As of June 30, 2026, the Reserve Fund assets totaled $9.851M, consisting of cash and certificates of deposits. Less the liability for unfulfilled Grapevine subscriptions of $540K, the Reserve Fund balance was $9.311M. Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine and La Viña (total $22.459M), the Reserve Fund balance is equal to 4.97 months of operating expenses.

Following the recent transfer of ownership of the Everything A.A. app to A.A. World Services, Inc., the board discussed how the app can best support the Fellowship. The board affirmed that the app's primary purpose is to increase access to A.A. literature and resources through mobile technology, help members connect with A.A. services and serve as a trusted source of information while complementing existing digital resources such as Meeting Guide, aa.org, AA Grapevine and other A.A. services.

The new contributions platform launches October 21. One of the most significant improvements is the number of ways groups and members can make a contribution. It will support ACH from U.S. bank accounts, credit and debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, and PayPal. The new platform provides enhanced self-service capabilities and has greater flexibility in managing recurring contributions.

In the Region, AA road trips are the best. I traveled to the Southwest Region AA Service Assembly in Baytown, Texas last weekend with Cheryl and Dee, and what happens in the airport, stays in the airport. Anyone can attend SWRAASA, whether you are a GSR, DCM, Committee Chair or just have an interest in AA service work. Its purpose is to bring together trusted servants in the Southwest Region of Alcoholics Anonymous to learn and share about the General Service Structure on the Group, District, Area and Conference levels. The 2027 SW Regional Forum, also known as the GSO road show, will be held at the Embassy Suites Kansas City International Airport October 1-3. Fliers are on the table, Spanish on one side, English on the flip side. The 2028 SWRAASA will be in Midland, Texas.

There are 6 candidates for Trustee: Area 57 Oklahoma – Stephanie B., NETA 65 – Keith D., WAMO 39 – Dave F., SETA 67 – Troy B-D., EAMO 38 – Becca H., Area 4 Arkansas – Jeannie M., The SWR Delegates will vote on these at the 77th General Service Conference. The SWR Forum was held in November last year, and the final report is available electronically on aa.org, search for Regional Forum Reports.

Locally, the 56th Annual Southwest Kansas Conference will be held at the Garden City Clarion Inn January 8-10. I've been going to this for 5 years, and the only time I've seen anyone from east of Highway 81 is when the speaker was from Topeka. One of our Three Legacies is unity, our members in western Kansas work hard on this event each year and it would be great to see some support from the eastern half of the state.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve.

Ken S.