

2018 Delegate's GSC Report to Area 85  
This years Theme  
"A.A. — A Solution for All Generations"

I'll start off with something I forgot to do last year, could the passed and present Trustees please stand and be recognized, Thank you for your leadership and hard work. Next could all the past delegates please stand and be recognized, Thank you all for you service., Next how about our DCM's and GSR's. Thank you for your service also. Ok, how about our past and present Subcommittee chairs and members, how about you folks get in on this round of up and down exercises and be recognized, thank you as well. I think that pretty well covers all our service structure. Anyone feeling left out? Well then let me ask you this then "Is your triangle complete?" do you have all three sides, "Recovery, Unity and Service" working? Is your triangle balanced? It made me stop and take a quick step 10 when I heard the topic come for this years GSC. Ok on with my report for this years GSC. First off on Saturday, I attended the Remote Communities Meeting in the afternoon. The topic this year is the Military as a remote community, whether A.A.'s are on ship, deployed over seas or on base or on post under restrictions, It was quite interesting to listen to the challenges that face them. The remote communities portion is not part of the Conference which may change in the future. I learned some hard lessons last year so I'll do a report on what my committee, the Literature Committee did this year because of what you did to help me out at the last Spring assembly work shop held at the end of march. The Literature Committee had 21 agenda items to cover, yes that was quite a load again, So in preparation we focused on the ones we would handle in detail at the conference. I'll also give you a bit of a run down on some of the daily goings on of the conference..

First of on Sunday morning, I was invited to do the first opening reading of the conference which was taken from "AA Comes of Age" page 280, the paragraph that starts with "But this third legacy". Followed by Roll call, the Delegate Chairman's Greeting and the keynote address by our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee.

After lunch with our Regional Trustee, we heard Area highlights from the US Northeast Region which by the way have over a thousand groups in some of their areas and then the Southeast Region. These area highlights and the remaining area highlights were all done by the new Panel 68 Delegates. That afternoon we also heard a presentation from AA International presented by the Trustee at Large/USA and Trustee at Large/Canada.

At 3 pm we had our Joint Trustee and Conference Committee Meeting after which the Literature committee went right to work on our agenda items until supper time. That evening was the opening dinner and AA meeting. Ok that was our first day, How much time do I have left, I'm a little gun shy from last year ya know.

Monday morning had the committee meetings going again, while some got going at 9 am, Literature and a couple other committees started at 8 am then went through till 12 o'clock. I have to tell you, our committee rocked, we knocked off a few agenda items, sending some back to the trustees committee with recommendations and moving others to advisory action which means their sent to the conference floor for a vote.

That afternoon we heard more area highlights from the East Central Region, the Eastern Canada Region - if you ever wondered, Western Ontario has 800 active groups, our last estimated membership in Area 85 is around 900 members. I'm sure I'll be corrected on that number. Then we heard from the Southwest region. After a General Service Board report summary and question and answer, we had a short break, followed by the AAWS Board Report summary and AA Grape Vine Report summary at which they announced the new Grapevine App. Go to [AA.org](http://AA.org) to check that out. or [GrapeVine.org](http://GrapeVine.org). For the second year in a row we were treated an awesome power point financial report. I have the report here today for you to have a look at if you like. After dinner we heard more area highlights from the Pacific region in which my conference Buddy's area has 1820 groups, wow. Followed by the West Central Region and our neighbours in Northern Minnesota Area 35 have 577 groups going on.

Then it was Western Canada's turn and Manitoba Area 80 our western neighbours have 115 meetings passing on our Message. After the closing for the evening it's time for some fresh air New York style, Time Square my friends.

Tuesday morning and we were back in our Conference Committee Meetings, this time for 9 am and worked through to 11:30 and we were done all our agenda items ready for advisory action with recommendations. Right here I'm going to thank everyone who helped out at the Spring Assembly workshop. It is because of these workshops and participation by our members that the Literature committee worked so well for me this year. All of us on the Literature Committee were so well prepared and you gave us so much insight to the agendas we covered.

After lunch we had presentations and discussions. Remember what I started off with at the beginning of my report to you? Well the first topic was "Participation in All of AA—Is My Triangle Balanced?"... The next presentation was "Group Conscience: The Guiding Force." After the closing of that afternoon session we had a workshop on Getting the AA message out. To be honest with you I felt like we preaching to the choir on this one. That night we had a delegates only dinner and meeting, I can't remember hearing so much laughter, my god we were still laughing on our walk on the Brooklyn Bridge.

On Wednesday morning we hopped the subway to GSO, If any of you ever get to New York, the General Service Office is a really cool place to check out and give yourself extra time to see the Archives Department. The Big Book you've been signing was purchased from the GSO and brought to you from New York.

Lunch was with the Eastern Canada Region at which we talked about the Eastern Canada Regional Forum being held this summer in Victoriaville Quebec on July 20&21 2018.

After lunch we had election for the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee and for Pacific Regional Trustee. For the life of me I can't find the notes with the two winning names, my apologies. After the elections we heard more presentations/discussions, followed by committee

reports and discussions. After dinner we went right back into Committee Reports and Discussions, we rapped up at around 9:30. A short walk outside for a slice of pizza in Time Square then back to our rooms,

Thursday morning we kicked right off with Committee Reports and Discussion then after the break there was a Presentation/Discussion: AA Archives until lunch. Then right back into Committee Report and Discussions, then later a Presentation/discussion: AA Principles and Fiduciary Responsibility at which we heard from the Publishing Director and AAWS Director. After supper there was a general sharing session then right into Committee Reports and Discussions until closing.

Friday morning it was our Literature's turn at the Committee Report and Discussion and here's what happened. These are the agenda items we covered at the spring assembly workshop. Agenda A, "AA for Women" retitled "Experience strength and hope: Women in AA", was approved. The pamphlet "Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic", retitled "Experience Strength and Hope: LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA" was also passed. The revised "Inside AA Understanding the Fellowship and it's Services" was also approved. Anything that was suggested to adding to the Big Book failed, it was felt that we were not wanting anything that messed with our Big Book, and the recognition from the Library of Congress was also turned down. The development of a pamphlet to Spanish-speaking women was passed. The development of a pamphlet based on our three legacies including stories was also passed. You can expect a general call out for stories for that pamphlet. Hey GSR's here's yours. Your new pamphlet will now be called "GSR, General Service Representative: Your Groups Link to AA as a whole". Ok remember this one? "The God Word" currently published by the GSB of AA of Great Britain. It was recommended be adopted by AAWS Inc. with minor editorial changes. Well that passed as well. There will also be a change to Living Sober, to re-include a section to the Medical Professionals that was in the 1998 edition of Living Sober. Our Committee finished well after lunch taking the longest of all the

committees on the conference floor. After a couple of more Committee Reports and Discussions, we broke for supper.

After supper we had the final sharing session at which time We Panel 67 Delegates did our farewell comments, some were emotional and some were simple. And some were emotionally simple. It is then, that the business of the GSC was finished

Saturday morning was the closing brunch and the farewell talks from Rotating trustees, now that was emotional, wow,, Then it was on the bus to Stepping Stones.

I would like to Thank you all in Area 85 for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve you at the 2018 68th GSC. This year was so much better then last year, you helped me be better prepared for this conference, and a full final report for the 2018 68th GSC will be coming out in August this summer. Thank you