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Dear Friends of Bill and Bob,

I hope that the New Year is bringing you all of the good that sobriety has to offer and that AA service is alive and well in your group and district, and most importantly, in your heart.

The Final Agenda for the 59th General Service Conference has arrived and I have enclosed a copy for your review. I will be making electronic copies of the Background Material for the Agenda Items available to each DCM in CD Format. The Background Material in total is over 600 pages so obviously it would be cost prohibitive to print paper copies for everyone at the area level. We will be discussing the Agenda Items in detail at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Casper, WY, February 27, 28, and March 1, 2009. A copy of the flyer is enclosed in this mailing. I hope you have made plans to attend this event. You won't be disappointed. If you want to attend and would like to car pool or need help locating a hotel room, please contact me and I will be happy to assist you.

The 2009 Area 63 Winter Service Assembly is scheduled for March 28 and 29 in Pierre, SD. We will be meeting at the Kings Inn this year which hopefully will be more convenient and comfortable. The Winter Assembly will be our first opportunity in 2009 to meet in committee and discuss AA service in Area 63. We also will be discussing the General Service Conference Agenda at that time. The Winter Assembly is my best opportunity as your Delegate to get your feedback regarding the Agenda Items so that I can best carry the conscience of Area 63 to the General Service Conference. For this two-way communication to occur, both of us need to attend the Winter Service Assembly. I have enclosed a copy of the Winter Assembly Agenda for your review. Please make plans to attend and please make copies of this flyer to share with your AA friends who may not have received this mailing. As an added bonus, I have invited John K., Northeast Regional Trustee to the General Service Board to share his experience with us at our open speaker meeting on Saturday Night. John is a great AA member and servant to our fellowship and has a powerful recovery story which will inspire you. Perhaps we can even fire up Estelle's Karaoke Machine after the Saturday night meeting for some added fun.

Enclosed you will find a letter from Tammy F. our Area 63 Treasurer regarding our area finances. I realize that these challenging economic times make it more difficult for all of us to make ends meet. But for our AA service work to be effective, we must all pull together and contribute our time, talents, AND funds. If you or your group has not made a financial contribution to Area 63 lately, please consider doing so. Area service work is not possible without your participation.

I look forward to see all of you soon and will be happy to come to your group or district at any time share my Delegate's Report in your local area.

Yours in Love and Service,
John T., Panel 58 Area 63 Delegate

2009 General Service Conference Committees
Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2010 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Consider the draft Video Segments Directed to Professionals in the Employment/Human Relations Field.
- B. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in C.P.C. endeavors.

III. Corrections

- A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Consider alternatives to biennial mailing to corrections professionals, focusing on those that may be more effective and fiscally prudent.
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- D. Discuss issues that may be involved in A.A. members' complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing "sponsorship agreements" or legally binding documents.

IV. Finance

- A. Review material submitted from the Fellowship concerning the 2008 Conference Advisory Action “the trustees’ Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups.”
- B. Discuss request to produce a Seventh Tradition poster.
- C. Discuss other aspects of self-support.

V. A.A. Grapevine

- A. Review contents of A.A. Grapevine and La Viña Workbook.
- B. Consider request that “the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that ‘the Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer’ be rescinded.”
- C. Consider request that the following 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded:

“To allow the widest distribution of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña to all purchasers, while guarding against affiliations with any outside enterprise, a) subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc., or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. Note: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets.”

VI. Literature

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member–Medications and Other Drugs.”
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”
- C. Consider request that the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be reviewed toward eliminating or revising outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.
- D. Consider request to develop a new Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective members.

- E. Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet “A Newcomer Asks” that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- F. Consider request to change the title of the pamphlet “44 Questions” to “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
- G. Discuss whether there is a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on the topics of spirituality, and agnostics or atheists/nonbelievers in A.A.
- H. Consider request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities.
- I. Consider request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections*.
- J. Consider request to develop a video on the General Service Representative (G.S.R.).

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve invitations for one observer from the General Service Board of Brazil, S.A. and two observers (1) from the General Service Board and (1) from the General Service Office of Colombia, S.A.
- B. Review dates for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- C. Review “General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure.”
- D. Consider request to formulate a procedure for filing a minority appeal directly with the General Service Conference, as described in Bill W.’s commentary on Concept V.
- E. Discuss proposal requesting a General Service Conference inventory.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2008 annual report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.
- B. Consider request to add the text “Provide initial motivation” to the section “What A.A. does NOT do” in the pamphlet “A.A. at a Glance.”
- C. Review updated text and graphics of the pamphlet “A Message to Teenagers...,” which utilizes selected text and graphics from the current “Too Young?” pamphlet.
- D. Consider draft wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

- E. Consider request “to develop a generic A.A. poster or posters for places such as hospitals, places of employment, doctors’ offices, etc.”
- F. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 2. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
 - 3. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2008 television P.S.A., “I Thought.”
 - 4. Review revised draft script of “Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD,” and consider recording revised script at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- G. Consider draft of the “A.A. Videos for Young People Project.”
- H. Consider draft 2010 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey Questionnaire.
- I. Consider the need to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.
- J. Discuss suggestion that Public Information committees “explore the use of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in their endeavors.”
- K. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2008 - 2009 Edition*:
 - 1. Consider adding the term of non-trustee directors to the section describing how non-trustee directors are selected on page S75.
 - 2. Consider suggestion to add a locally developed G.S.R. Preamble to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
 - 3. Consider proposal that every change to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be approved by the General Service Conference.
 - 4. Consider suggestion to change the title “Conference Language” on page S19 to “Glossary of Conference Terms.”

5. Consider suggestion to add text regarding the desirability of business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section of *The A.A. Service Manual* on “Qualifications of an Effective Trustee” on page S63.
 6. Review suggested revisions to Chapters 10 and 12 regarding the A.A. Grapevine.
 7. Consider suggested revision regarding the term of service of Appointed Committee Members on page S70.
 8. Consider request to clarify language on page S65 regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.
 9. Review letter requesting an “inventory” of various items related to the General Service Conference Charter.
 10. Consider suggestion to insert the page reference “(see page S63)” in the section on Regional Trustees found on page S65.
 11. Consider suggestion to add cross-references to area numbers and area names.
 12. Review list of suggested additional changes.
- B. A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.): review list of suggested changes.
- C. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X Treatment Facilities

- A. Review revised video, *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Discuss a proposal that Treatment Facilities literature include information that would assist Treatment Facilities committees with their effort to inform treatment professionals about A.A. and to carry the A.A. message to patients in out-patient treatment programs.
- C. Discuss request that the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities expand its scope to include service to Special Needs Committees and that the name of the committee be changed to the “Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs.”
- D. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Treatment endeavors.
- E. Review contents of T.F. Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. East Central Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southeast Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/US
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Discuss report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating pertaining to the 2008 Additional Committee Consideration regarding Class B regional trustee and trustee-at-large successor terms in the event of an unexpected vacancy.
- F. Discuss suggested revision to procedure for distribution of trustee election resumes at the General Service Conference.

XII. Archives

- A. Review contents of Archives Workbook.
- B. Discuss ideas to make A.A.'s archives and history more readily available to the Fellowship.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2010 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony similar to the encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed extranet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Local Forums.

2009 West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference

***“Our Commitment to Carry A.A.’s Message –
Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action”***

FEBRUARY 27th - MARCH 1st, 2009

Best Western Ramkota Hotel 800 North Poplar St. Casper, Wyoming 82601

A block of rooms has been reserved and will be held until February 18th. **Rooms will not be available after this date!** The Conference rate is \$68.00 per night. Please reserve rooms by calling (307) 266-6000 and ensure that they are reserving your room under the “2009 WCRAASC” room block.

Friday, February 27

- 2:30pm Registration Begins
- 3:30pm Early Bird Meeting
- 7:00pm Opening and Welcome
- 7:15pm General Session I – “Humility & Sacrifice – Changing Our Perceptions” (Area 40, Montana)
- 8:00pm Break
- 8:15pm Meet the Delegates* and Discussion of General Service Conference Agenda Items - Part 1
*First year Delegates will give their two-minute “Highlights of their Area for the General Service Conference”

Saturday, February 28

- 7:45am Early Bird Meeting
- 9:00am General Session II – “Enthusiasm & Gratitude – Hope & Purpose From Defeat & Despair” (Area 24, Iowa)
- 9:45am Break
- 10:00am Discussion of General Service Conference Agenda Items - Part 2
- 11:30am Lunch (on your own)
- 12:45pm Breakout Sessions 1 – DCM, Delegate / Trustee, Newsletter, PI / CPC, Treatment
- 1:45pm Break
- 2:00pm Breakout Sessions 2 – Archives, Area Officers, Corrections, Grapevine / Literature, GSR
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:15pm General Session III – “Spiritual Program in Action – Living the Traditions” (Area 36, Southern Minnesota)
- 4:00pm Break
- 4:15pm Discussion of General Service Conference Agenda Items - Part 3
- 6:00pm Dinner (on your own)
- 7:30pm Open A.A. Speaker Meeting (Howard L. – Southeast Region Trustee)
- 8:30pm Break
- 8:45pm Ask – It - Basket
- 9:15pm Discussion of General Service Conference Agenda Items - Part 4

Sunday, March 1

- 7:00am Early Bird Meeting
- 8:15am Regional Trustee Report (Ken B. - West Central Regional Trustee)
- 9:30am Break
- 9:45am General Session IV – “Language of the Heart – Keeping It Simple” (Area 52, North Dakota)
- 10:30am Thank You and Close

-----REGISTRATION FORM (please print clearly)-----

Name _____ Name on Badge _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Home Group _____ Position (GSR, DCM, etc) _____ Area Represented _____

Special Needs Request _____

Registration Fee \$12.00 / Person
Make Checks Payable to: 2009 WCRAASC
For Information Contact: Allen W. (307) 237-3498 or
E-mail at awharton@bresnan.net

Mail To: 2009 WCRAASC
P.O. Box 51933
Casper, Wyoming 82605

AREA 63 WINTER ASSEMBLY AGENDA

MARCH 28-29, 2009

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SATURDAY MARCH 28 SCHEDULE

- 8:00 – 9:00 am Registration
- 8:30 – 9:00 am Area Committee Chairs & Area Officers Meeting
- 9:00 – 9:15 am Open meeting: Welcome new GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, Area Officers
- 9:15 – 9:45 am Delegate’s Report
- 9:45 – 10:00 am BREAK
- 10:00 – 12:00 pm Committee Breakout Sessions & Review of GSO Agenda Items in Committee
- Noon – 1:00 pm LUNCH – Working Committee Luncheon (hosted by District 2)
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm Session I – GSO AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm BREAK
- 2:15 – 2:45 pm District Reports
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm Conference Reports
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm BREAK
- 3:15 – 4:15 pm Committee Reports
- 4:15 – 5:00 pm Session II – GSO AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm DINNER on your own
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm New GSR School and DCM Sharing Session w/ Delegate
- 8:00 – 8:15 pm BREAK
- 8:15 – 9:45 pm Open AA meeting Speaker, John K. Northeast Regional Trustee

SUNDAY MARCH 29 SCHEDULE

- 7:45 – 8:00 am Area Chair meeting w/ Alanon Chair
- 8:00 – 9:00 am Finish Area Business (if needed)
- 9:00 – 9:15 am BREAK
- 9:15 – 11:00 am Session III – GSO AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION

Area 63 Alcoholics Anonymous
Tammy F. – Area Treasurer
Contribution Report for 2008

February 13, 2009

Dear Friends of Bill W. and Dr. Bob:

I will be presenting the 2008 Area 63 Financial Report at our Area 63 Winter Assembly gathering in Pierre on March 28th & 29th. It was very exciting to see so many new groups contribute this year and would like to thank all the groups who submitted contributions in 2008.

This past year was very challenging economically everywhere and this certainly did show the struggle of the times this year in contributions. Our contributions did not meet the expense for the year. The Target budget for 2008 was \$13,500. Contributions received for 2008 was \$9,965.64. This past year expense rose and our committees showed great prudence in spending and did not spend our entire budget. However our expenses for 2008 were \$11,887.65, as stated above we only receive \$9,965.64, so therefore we were ran negative by **\$ -1,922.01.**

This next year the Area 63 2009 Budget was approved for \$14,650. Area Officers and Committee member, who are your trusted servants, will continue to be prudent with your contributions. We will continue to be your support to help carry the message to those who are suffering from Alcoholism.

We need your help to continue to carry the message in 2009, please remind your home groups to be self-supporting to your District and Area.

Contributions can be sent to this address:

Tammy Flores
Area 63 Treasurer
840 N Spruce Lot 284
Rapid City, SD 57701

In Service,

Tammy F.

AREA 63 SOUTH DAKOTA – Updated 2-18-2009
Officers, Committee Chairpersons and DCMs
(CONFIDENTIAL LISTING - Please respect anonymity of those listed here)

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SEC/REGISTRAR Report &Charter	Anne F.			
ARCHIVES	Leslie D.			
CORRECTIONS/TREATMENT	Dave D.			
CPC	Don F.			
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Mark your calendar: May 8, 9, & 10th
AA and Al-ANON Area 63 2009 Spring Conference