

**February  
2024  
Edition**

# Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon



## Concept 2

**The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.**

The Conference meets just once a year to discuss matters of policy. At the Conference the Delegates serve as the voice and the guide for our World Services. The Delegate speaks and acts for our groups, who have delegated their groups consciences to our Delegate to carry to Conference. In the early days of AA, we had the Alcoholic Foundation rather than the General Service Board. The Foundation handled the money matters while Bill handled the rest of the world services. Eventually the Foundation took on more and more responsibility as the fellowship grew, including the 2 corporations of AAWS and the Grapevine as well as all the legal affairs. Bill and Dr. Bob served as the link between the Trustees and the groups. Realizing a more permanent link was needed, the Conference was created to replace Bill and Dr Bob.

## Information to Share

- Message from the General Manager of GSO - [Letter](#)
- 2022 AA Membership Survey results - [Link](#)
- Update on printing delays and backorders - [Link](#)
- Call for Stories – “Do you Think You’re Different?” [Flyer](#)
- How Should We Treat AA Founders’ Writings – [Link to Google Form](#)
- SE Plain Language Big Book Information Session - [Flyer](#)
- Pre-Conference plans have been finalized! What is a Preconference? [Flyer](#)

Date	Region	Location	Host District
Sunday March 10 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Virtual <a href="#">Flyer</a>	Meeting ID: 656 316 7536 Passcode: 924686 <a href="#">Virtual Pre-Conference Link</a>	Delegate, Alt Delegate
Saturday March 16 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Central <a href="#">Flyer</a>	Triangle Grace Church 5001 Tudor Place Durham, NC 27713	32,33
Saturday March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Western <a href="#">Flyer</a>	Myers Memorial United Methodist 301S New Hope Rd Gastonia, NC 28054	12,13
Saturday April 6 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Eastern <a href="#">Flyer</a>	First Christian Church 2810 E. 14 <sup>th</sup> St Greenville, NC	60
Sunday April 7 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm	Spanish <a href="#">Flyer</a>	312 B W Wilmington St. Burgaw, NC 28469	05
Wednesday April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Virtual <a href="#">Flyer</a>	Meeting ID: 656 316 7536 Passcode: 924686 <a href="#">Virtual Pre-Conference Link</a>	Delegate, Alt Delegate

## Inside the Delegate's Rocket Ship Preconference Prep

- We will have a sharing session around the topic of “How Should We Treat AA Founders’ Writings” at each Preconference event.
- There will be agenda items regarding Grapevine, La Viña, New pamphlet ideas, International Convention.
- The Conference Background will be available to Denise and me in mid-February.

## Going Places

- Southeast Regional Delegate's Get Together in Atlanta - Feb 2nd-4th
- Delegates Only Virtual Meeting - Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
- Southeast Region Plain Language Big Book Information Session - Feb 25<sup>th</sup> [Flyer](#)
- Conference Members Only Sharing Session - Feb 27<sup>th</sup>
- Concept 9<sup>th</sup> Presentation in Area 43 (NH) [Flyer](#)
- Join me at the [First Tuesday Service Manual Study](#) at 7:00 pm. Email me for the Deets!

## Box 459 Fall 2023

- Meet the 4 new Class B Trustees
- Inside AA Finances: The Reserve Fund
- And More!

**At Wits End:  
A Grapevine Joke**

## Oh, dear is right!

A guy gets stopped by a policeman for public drunkenness  
Cop: Sir, say your ABCs backwards for me please  
Suspect: ABCs? Backwards? Officer, I couldn't do that if I was sober  
Silence...  
Suspect: Oh dear

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