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Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon



Concept 1

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

When A.A. was young, the Alcoholic Foundation was created to maintain the special services for A.A. as a whole that could not be performed well by individual groups or Areas. The Trustees that made up the foundation looked to Dr. Bob and Bill whenever policy questions arose. It became clear this structure could not last forever when Dr. Bob became terminally ill. Concept 1 shifted the advisory role from our founders to the fellowship, ensuring a lasting connection between the little-known trustees and the groups. The annual General Service Conference (Concept 2) was created to enable the group conscience, the ultimate authority for A.A., to be formed and heard. The Conference is the voice of the groups, and the groups sit at the top of our inverted triangle because they hold the final responsibility and the ultimate authority. The Conference is the link between the groups and the Trustees. It is up to us to tell the Board what we need. The ideas come from the fellowship; how they are implemented comes from the General Service Board. The collective "We" are responsible.

Information to Share

- New 2024-2026 A. A. Service Manual is available as pdf and print. [PDF Print](#)
- Check out the [Delegate's Corner](#) on the Area website. It's not a secret to share the log in and password to A.A. members. Ask your DCM or use the District Password Retrieval.
- [International Convention 2025 Chit Chat](#). More rooms are being added to the roomblock constantly!
- [Holiday Literature Specials](#) runs through February 15, 2025.

A 2025 New Year's Greeting from your Delegate

Dear Friends and Fellow Trusted Servants,

As the calendar turned from 2024 to 2025, the role of Area 51 Delegate officially transitioned from Julie to me. (The role of Alternate Delegate transitioned to Greg K. as well!) I want to thank all the Panel 73 Area officers, Coordinators, DCMs, Alternate DCMs, and LCMs for their dedication to Area 51 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I especially want to thank Julie for her service to Area 51, her work at the 73rd and 74th General Service Conferences, and her open communication with all of us to keep the flow of information between the top and bottom of the triangle going during her term.

Frequently we hear the current and Past Delegates introduce themselves by panel number. Each Area Delegate serves one term of two consecutive years. Their panel number comes from the first Conference they attend. In 2025, the 75th General Service Conference will be held in Manhattan, making my panel number 75. In Area 51, about 1/2 of our DCMs get elected in even years and 1/2 are elected in odd years, allowing for continuity in the Committee and subcommittees. The same is true for Area Delegates in the U.S. and Canada service structure, ensuring there is a core of experienced Delegates alongside the incoming first-year Delegates. At Conference this year I will serve with the experienced Panel 74 Delegates and in 2026 there will be new Panel 76 Delegates.

Please reach out if you need anything. Greg and I are available for any questions or comments you may have. We will be sharing information about the Conference agenda items soon as we prepare for our preconference events. If you are a hosting district for one of our pre-conferences, please create a flyer for your event and submit it to the Area website for inclusion on the Events pages. [LINK](#) Below is a chart listing dates and hosting districts for each of our scheduled events.

Julie has left very big shoes behind as she steps out of the role of Delegate. I will do my best to fill those shoes as I step into the role that you all so graciously elected me to do. I look forward to working with you all, with mutual love, respect and support, throughout the next two years.

Pre-Con Event	Spanish	Western	Eastern	Central	Virtual
Date	March 16th	March 29th	April 5th	April 12th	TBD
Host Districts	D16	D70, 71, 80	D3, 4	D45	Coming Soon

Inside the Delegate's Rocket Ship

Committee Assignment

- I have been assigned to Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.). Studying the history of this committee while waiting for Conference background material that will be released in February.

Current Reading

- *A. A. Comes of Age*
- *2024 Final Conference Report*.

Going Places

- The Area 51 rocket ship is refueling and warming up. No travel plans (yet) this month.

At Wits End:

Look both ways!

Q: Why did the drunk cross the street?
A: He was looking for a geographical cure.

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