

District 25 DCM Report - Area 59 - Panel 75 – February 3, 2026

Please check out the District 25 website, Area 59 website, and SEPIA website for all upcoming events

Northwest Group 49th Anniversary. Friday, February 13. 6:00 pm. A.A. and Al-Anon speakers. Fun, Food and Fellowship. Calvary Community Center. 4740 Baltimore Avenue (enter through grey side door on 48th St.), Philadelphia. Also, on ZOOM. See flyer for Zoom details.

District 27 hosting 86 Years of AA in Philadelphia! February 28, 2026. St Luke Epiphany Church. 330 South 13th St. Phila 19107. 12:30pm—3:30pm. Potluck Event!

Friday, February 20 – 22, 2026

NorthEast Regional A.A. Service Assembly

NERAASA 2026 will be held in Area 28 at Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street Portland, ME

ROUND UP 2026 – The Power of We March 6, 2026 @ 12:00 pm - March 8, 2026 @ 12:00 pm

The Grand Hotel Cape May, 1045 Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ 08204

Area 59 presents: All Intergroup Day. March 28, 2026. 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Listen, learn and share! Roundtables, panel discussions, open sharing and unity in action. Doors open at 10 am. Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided. Easy Does It Inc., 1300 Hilltop Road. Leesport, PA 19533.

CLOSED: 11 Step Prayer and Meditation. Thursday at 6 pm. 601 Dresher Road, Hatboro, 19044.

CLOSED: Thursday Night Meditation at the Glenside Center is closed. CLOSED: Looking

Good. Aston Presbyterian Friday 8:00 pm SUSPENDED: Meditation Meeting at 6809 Clubhouse, Roxborough. Tuesday Morning 8am CHANGED: Jump Start Your Day, ZOOM. 6 AM Tuesday. Now a Beginners Meeting.

CHANGED: Star Wars Meeting at the Flourtown Center is now called Friday Night Lights

CHANGED: Monday Night A.A. at CCV – time changed to 7:30 pm.

MOVED: P.A.I.R. –Temporarily to 1903 S. Broad Street 3rd Floor

MOVED: Progressive, Not Perfection. Temporarily Closed. Zoom Only until further notice.

Check the website www.aasepia.org for more meeting changes. Let us know if your group changes!!

Treatment and Accessibilities: January 15 8:00PM meeting - The motion passed to purchase Wordly, a translation system. More information at the March meeting.

DCM Report on the following events will be given at the Tuesday, March 3 District Meeting:

January 24, 2026 - DCM Sharing Session on Leadership in Service- It was fantastic!

January 31, SEPIA and Area Share a Day. It will be fantastic!

Old Business answers from emails which were sent to you all:

Subject: Delegate GSC Costs Question #1

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 07:01:17 PM EST from: Dan Brumbaugh, Delegate | Area 59

The question asked is a good one, and hopefully I can do a good job of explaining it!

The first thing to realize, is the amount the Area is contributing is **not** what it would actually cost for me to attend. The "cost" is an estimate supplied each year by GSO, and is the **average** cost per Conference member, based on the **entire** expense to put on the Conference. It is much more than the act cost incurred by me (or anyone else) to attend. Below is a list of just some of the items that make up that total cost:

- The cost of a hotel for 7 nights. Hotel rooms are not cheap, so this expense alone is probably at least \$2k-\$2.5k/person.
- The cost for the hotel meeting space and conference room, plus associated setup expense.
- Cost for hotel A/V setup.
- All meals for 7 days. Most lunches and dinners were provided through hotel services, which are generally much more expensive than getting meals on your own.
- All travel expenses. Anyone not from the NE probably flies into NYC.
- Cost for GSO staff who work during Conference week.
- Cost to print materials for the Conference. This includes all background materials, reports, etc., as well as the final reports prepared by the Conference committees at the end of the week. (continued)

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As a data point, the final report booklets for the EPGSA convention cost \$1,787, and that was with a 50% first time print order discount.

- Translation costs, both before (printed materials), and during the Conference.
- As a data point, the Area covered about \$1,600 of my actual \$2,500 cost to attend the IC in Vancouver. That was only 4 nights, and just covered travel, hotel, and food.

As this illustrates, the list is fairly extensive. You can also see more details in the 2025 Final Conference Report, on pages 133 and 137.

We have been making efforts to contain costs - in 2022, the cost/person was \$9,600, so we have been doing a decent job of trying to hold expenses steady. The total 2024 cost was \$1,000 less than 2023.

In recent years they have been doing cost savings measures, such as moving a couple of meetings to a virtual format before the Conference, and eliminating some items like allowing a "plus one" to attend the opening dinner. As another data point, the 2021 virtual Conference cost per person was \$2,200.

The current suggested minimum amount to contribute toward the cost is \$2,200. Many Areas can only afford or choose to pay the minimum amount, which makes it really important for Areas that do have the funding to support the full cost. If they did not, the minimum cost would rise for everyone.

If you have any more questions or need additional information, please let me know!

Yours in Service, **Dan Brumbaugh, Delegate | Area 59, Panel 75**

Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 10:33:35 AM EST Question# 2

Subject: The answer to the question: "Who are the other voters at the General Service Conference besides the delegates." From Alex N., Alternate Delegate

Hey Loretta Lucy,

Voting at the General Service Conference is done anonymously via electronic voting. There is no way to tell if all 93 area delegates voted in favor of the 2021 preamble change. **A two-thirds majority vote of the entire conference constitutes substantial unanimity, thus passing an advisory action.** I am not sure of the specific vote count for that particular item, but some investigation with the Area Archivist or the 71st Final Conference Report may be more telling.

To learn about the composition of the General Service Conference, Chapter 6 of the AA Service Manual found [here](#) is extremely helpful. Hopefully this helps! **Alex. N.**

Loretta Lucy:

I went to Chapter 6 and found the answer - thanks to Alex guidance. page 40

Voting Members

Each year, there are approximately 135 voting members of the General Service Conference acting together as guardians of A.A. and of the Steps and Traditions. They are composed generally as follows:

- 93 area delegates (who make up at least two-thirds of the Conference body)
- 21 or 22 trustees of the General Service Board
- 6 non-trustee directors from AAWS and Grapevine
- 15 A.A. Staff at the General Service Office (AAWS, Grapevine and La Vina)

One Person, One Vote Each

Conference member has one vote, even if they attend in more than one capacity (for example, a trustee who serves as a director of AAWS or Grapevine as well as on the General Service Board).

That's all folks! 😊

yours in love and service,
Loretta Lucy Miller, DCM