

District 25 DCM Report

Area 59 - Panel 75

May 6th, 2025

Attended Events:

[Pre-Conference Sharing Session](#)

Saturday, April 12, 2025

St Paul's United Church-Christ

1979 Weavertown Road Douglassville, PA 19518

Upcoming Events:

[Mini Assembly 1 - Delegate Conference Report](#)

Saturday, May 17th, 2025 (10a - 3p; registration at 9a)

Valley Point Church

209 Bethel Rd., Glen Mills, PA 19342

[Annual Memorial Day Picnic](#)

Sunday, May 25th, 2025 (12p - 4:30p)

Peace Valley Park

Pavilion #3, New Galena Rd., Chalfont, PA 18914

Potluck sides appreciated, family friendly, two speakers at 3:00p, hosted by D23

[12 Traditions Masquerade Spiritual Soiree](#)

Saturday, May 24, 2025 (6p-9p)

Calvary Lutheran Church

730 S New Street, West Chester, PA. 19382

Chester County Bid for PENNSCYPAA presents a Panel Discussion and Dance **\$10.00**

[Sunshine AA Group Gratitude Meeting](#)

Sunday, June 1st, 2025 (3pm)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church (St. Barnabas Hall)
5241 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144

Mini Assembly 2 - Delegate Conference Report

Saturday, June 7th, 2025 (10a - 3p; registration at 9a)
First United Church of Christ
110 Route 61 S. Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

Area 59 3rd Quarterly Area Meeting

Sunday, June 8th, 2025 (9a - 4p)
Orangeville Community Fire Company
204 Mill St. #176
Orangeville, PA 17859

PENNSCYPAA XXXVI

Friday, June 20th - Sunday, June 22nd, 2025
The Penn Harris Hotel
1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill PA 17011
\$25 plus hotel

The Importance of Grapevine In My Life

Saturday, June 21st, 2025 (12p - 4p)
Wesley Enhanced Living at Stapley
6300 Greene St., Philadelphia, PA 19144

3rd Annual Bucks Unity Event

Sunday, June 29th, 2025 (12p - 3p)
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
89 Pinewood Dr.
Levittown, PA 19054

AA International Convention

July 3rd - July 6th, 2025

Vancouver British Columbia, Canada

Report:

- Convention Guest Observer Nominations for EPGSA
- Pre-Conference Sharing Session Recap
 - General Service Conference in NYC - 4/27/25 - 5/3/25

Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA

- For - capability of reaching more alcoholics
- Against - loss of anonymity, misrepresentation, effectiveness
- PSA is a wonderful way to plant a seed
- Targeted PSA's, Google relevance
- Costs \$80k, feels like a large expense
- Why don't we do little things more often rather than something large like this

Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process

- Editorial changes & substantive changes
- What is the process to make those changes?
- What is the typical process for standard literature changes, why is this different? *Because it needs to use a professional to keep the plain language effective.*
- Trustees literature committee typically decide on changes.

Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of a dollar

- We have an obligation to support the 12 step work of GSO
- \$2 is not a lot, look at the economy
- Cash carrying is not as prevalent with younger members
- A single delegate should not have to do this, the home group and its members should shoulder this responsibility
- The quantified directive should come from GSO
- GSO needs to scale back their costs and operations

Consider a request to remove the phrase "a group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from pg. 10 in the AA Service Manual.

- While removing this from the book should happen it doesn't deny the group the right to deny a GSR report
- If the report is irrelevant or inaccurate then the group should be able to deny hearing it
- If the report breaks traditions then they should have the opportunity to deny it
- Each group is autonomous but it would be disrespectful to deny a GSR report

Consider a request to remove the word “woman” from the Concept IV essay.

- “Woman staff member”
- It doesn’t matter who I am, just that I am an alcoholic
- Against bc of it’s historical context
- It doesn’t matter
- Get rid of it as a barrier to acceptance

Consider a request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature

- We’re all human and sometimes we fall short as representatives and our structural integrity breaks down. I.e. individuals that are upset about the changes.
- AA has a strong verbal tradition, which gives good and difficult results. History is statements of facts not beliefs.
- Don’t change the writings bc it has worked
- Bill used to change writings in the big book and others stories
- It is ignorant to think the writings wouldn’t need updated
- We have to trust the trusted servants. And up until now it’s worked for the most part.
- Polling of all of the groups seems logistically impossible, some groups are huge in # while others are very small.
- Maybe things shouldn’t be set in stone. Sobriety is all about change.

Consider a request to update the book Living Sober.

- A secular resource for those trying to live a sober life. Nonthreatening path.
- Much of the content is very dated and does not apply to the modern world. Lots of pronouns could be updated.
- Against it due to cost, AAWS has too much to do
- The overwhelming sentiment was that it is unnecessary. That the grapevine that stays current with the times.

Consider a request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the 12&12.

- It would increase exposure to the concepts since they are virtually unknown
- Members are unaware of them bc they have not had a reason or way to encounter them.
- 15x more 12&12’s are distributed versus AAWS Service Manual
- If the 12&12 combined so that our fellowship wouldn’t get the steps and pass on traditions why wouldn’t we do the same with this?
- Against because of cost, because it doesn’t fit in relevancy to recovery
- Couldn’t we just make a pamphlet? (Oh wait we already have one)
- Seems like a lot to put in one book. Getting into General Service is how you are exposed to the concepts.
- Pete B was pro adding it in so that the fellowship becomes more aware of the concepts and the governing of AA as a whole

Consider a proposed pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session

- Pilot of Effectiveness and Harmony session for 3 years
- To discuss further the boards subcommittee reports
- To discuss possible censures and grievances against the GSB
- A space for discussion about issues, a gathering of the unity of AA
- The chair of the GSB resigned, so this is a reaction to that. This is to address a lack of transparency felt by the fellowship
- We should investigate the bylaws if there are issues
- I like the idea of time at the GSC to discuss things with the GSB and the delegates but it seems unstructured and could become very disorganized

Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how AA can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics

- CPC has done some work in this area but the general feeling is it has fell short
- Under the radar occupations and organizations that serve alcoholics
- 15% of the population estimated to be neurodiverse