

Jumping in With Both Feet

“You have to jump into disaster with both feet.”

- Chuck Palahniuk

Hello Area 56 I am now the Delegate for Area 56(no longer elect) It is an honor to serve all of you and I look forward to interacting with you and taking your conscience to the conference. I feel as if I am jumping in with both feet and despite all the help and guidance it is a bit intimidating. I am sure more will be revealed.

I have been assigned to the Grapevine Committee. I am very excited about interacting with the Grapevine committee which includes delegates from the US and Canada. I have already connected with the chair and we have our first meeting Jan 13th.

I have also been given access and trained on the onboarding application that allows for fast communication with the delegates and committee members. Suzanne, my wife, was a delegate over a decade ago and can tell that the technology has progressed nicely.

February 13 - 15 George N and I will be representing Area 56 the Annual East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present..

As I write this we have a committee meeting coming up at noon on January 17. I am excited to see what the literature committee comes up with. They have been on fire with lots of new members, a new chair and a lot of activity.

In addition I hope to get a YPAA liaison working with the area. YPAA is a lot of fun. If you are young at heart it's a great way to engage in service with other AA's

News from AA General Service Office.

There are working groups working on pamphlet development for Asian Americans and one for The Transgender Alcoholic. Please access information about submitting your stories. Access more information at this link: <https://linktr.ee/aapamphlets>

Price Increases as of Feb1, 2026 Books will go up \$3 per book and 15% on all other items.

Group contributions to GSO this year are below budget by nearly \$1,000,000. As a result the Board approved an emergency drawdown from the Prudent Reserve of \$750,000. This was necessary to cover regular AAWS and GSB expenses in order to continue services.

Yours in Service

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