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Alcoholics Anonymous to Hold 25th World Service Meeting

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Delegates representing Alcoholics Anonymous from around the world will gather for A.A.'s 25th World Service Meeting (WSM) at the Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel in Durban, South Africa, October 7-11, 2018. Hosted by the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous in the U.S. and Canada, the event will bring together over 60 delegates from more than 40 different countries or linguistic zones around the world.

Since its inauguration in 1969, the WSM has provided a continuing international forum for shared experience and ideas on carrying the A.A. message of recovery from alcoholism. The event alternates biennially between New York and other locations around the globe, and has convened in such diverse cities as Cartagena, Colombia; Auckland, New Zealand; Oviedo, Spain; Malahide, Ireland; Mexico City, Mexico; and Warsaw, Poland.

Over the past four decades, the WSM has succeeded in bringing together far-flung A.A. service centers and reflects a final vision of A.A.'s co-founder Bill W., who believed there could be "one world of A.A." to assure that help would always be available for sick alcoholics wherever they might be or whatever language they might speak.

Today, an A.A. presence can be found in more than 180 nations worldwide, with membership estimated at over two million. There are more than 120,000 A.A. groups around the world and A.A.'s literature has been translated into languages as diverse as Afrikaans, Arabic, Hindi, Nepali, Persian, Swahili, and Vietnamese, among many others. A.A.'s program of recovery from alcoholism has been proven to cut across all boundaries of culture, race, gender, sexual orientation, belief or non-belief, to reach suffering alcoholics of every description.

Tracing its beginnings back to 1935 and the connection that was forged between two alcoholics, Bill W., a stockbroker from New York City, and Dr. Bob S., a physician from Akron, Ohio, the Fellowship of A.A. has grown literally around the world.

The General Service Office in New York City will be coordinating the WSM.

For more information, contact the International desk at the General Service Office at international@aa.org or (212) 870-3021

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Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Never since it began has A.A. been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question. It could almost be said that we were born with this, for as one old timer recently declared, "Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly."

GSO calls for stories for two Pamphlets

In response to the 2018 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A., the trustees' literature committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience from Spanish-speaking women in A.A.

Submissions can be emailed to Literature@aa.org; the deadline is November 19, 2018.

In response to the 2018 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a new pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies, with emphasis on history of the Three Legacies, the trustees' literature committee is seeking current sharing from members in A.A. which reflect a broad range of experience and diversity with respect for the Three Legacies.

Submissions can be emailed to Literature@aa.org with Three Legacies in the subject line by November 19, 2018.

Upcoming Events

SWTA Winter Workshop
January 18-20, 2019
Uvalde, Texas

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous
July 2-5, 2020
Detroit, Michigan

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Step Ten

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

As we work the first nine Steps, we prepare ourselves for the adventure of a new life. But when we approach Step Ten we commence to put our A.A. way of living to practical use, day by day. Then comes the acid test: can we stay sober, keep in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions?

A continuous look at our assets and liabilities, and a real desire to learn and grow by this means, are necessities for us. For the wise have always known that no one can make much of life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until we are able to admit and accept what we find, and until we patiently and persistently try to correct what is wrong.

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Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority-the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be delegated at every level-and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well defined and clearly understood.

The Conference delegates to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.'s affairs and the Board is in authority of subsidiary operating conditions-A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc and it delegates to the directors of these corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities. The executives delegate to the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members and other employees the authority necessary to carry out their service jobs. So it is with all levels of service.

**Come join us at District 12 meetings
2nd Sunday of every month at 720 at 2:00**

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October 2018 DCM Report

Greetings District 12!

Hope this finds everyone in good health, sober and happy about it! We are not a glum lot, at least that's what they tell me!

I would love to tell you how many new meetings that were attended this month, but that would be a lie, as I was not able to attend any new meetings this month. As a matter of fact, there is a gut feeling that's all the going to new groups that will be accomplished this year!

There was an area 68 Nat'l AA Technology workshop held this month in Round Rock the 13th-16. Also our PI/CPC yearly meeting was 28th-30th. I was not able to attend these workshops and hope someone went so they can give us a report.

October has been pretty quiet; so we will put it to sleep! Our next area 68 workshop will be a Conference and voting assembly held on Nov. 2nd-4th in Austin.

That's all for now!
Tracy

Come and sign up to carry the message

To the Treatment Centers

Sign up is the 3rd Sun of the month at

720 Club at 3:00 pm

**If you want to see your first name and
Last initial in print, email
News, reminders, articles to
ibrrcmad@aol.com**