



Assembly 101

Debi Keane, Office Committee Chair


Welcome!

- New GSRs, Secretaries, Treasurers, Committee Members, Members-at-large
- Anyone new to our Area Assembly


A photograph of an orange t-shirt with white text. The text reads "ORANGE YOU GLAD YOU'RE HERE?".

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YOU'RE HERE?

Helpful Materials




The Georgia A.A. Service Manual



GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL
combined with
TWELVE CONCEPTS
FOR WORLD SERVICE
by Bill W.



2021-2023 Edition
REVISED AND UPDATED

How the Georgia State (Area 16) Service Assembly Operates

The purpose of Assembly discussion is to reach group conscience -- there are no winners or losers.

Summary of Assembly Procedures

Generally speaking, the Assembly follows Robert's Rules of Order, and proceeds on as informal a basis as possible consistent with the rights of all concerned. It is important to remember that the purpose of rules of order is to make it easier for the Assembly to conduct its business; rules exist to allow the Assembly to do what it needs to do to carry out the will of the Fellowship by reaching an informed group conscience. Over the years the Assembly has adopted some exceptions to Robert's Rules, which help it to proceed more closely in accord with the spirit of A.A. Tradition.

Study (Ad-Hoc) Committee

Motions brought before the Assembly that are a change to The Georgia A.A. Service Manual or impa policy will be handled via a study (Ad-Hoc) committee. This assures that a large number of questions can be dealt with during the Assembly. The Ad-Hoc Committee studies the motion and makes a report to the Assembly. The results are reported at Assembly with instruction to the GSR's to use this information for discussion at the District and Group level.

Substantial Unanimity

All matters of policy and changes to the Georgia State Service Manual require substantial unanimity, that is, a two-thirds majority. Any actions, including amendments, that affect a Manual change, or motions that might result in such an action, also require a two-thirds majority. Because the number of GSR's present in the hall during the weekend of Assembly varies from time to time, the phrase "two-thirds majority" is taken to mean two-thirds vote of the Assembly members present who are eligible to vote (only GSR's or their designated Alt. GSR may vote).

General Rules of Discussion and Voting

- People who wish to speak line up at the microphones and are called on in order.
- Each person may speak for two (2) minutes.
- No one may speak for a second time on a topic until all who wish to have spoken for the first time.
- Full discussion of a recommendation should take place before each vote.
- **Everyone** is entitled to (though only GSR's vote), and should, express his or her opinion. However, your perspective has already been stated by someone else, it is not necessary to go to the mike and say again.
- Premature actions (e.g., amending motions early in the discussion or hastily calling the question) can divert attention from the subject at hand, thus confusing and/or delaying Assembly business.
- Voting is by show of hands.

Motion to Decline to Consider (a Motion)

After a motion from the floor concerning a policy (manual) change made and seconded, the Chair shall ask the Assembly if there is a Motion to Decline to consider the original motion.

1. A Motion to Decline to consider the original motion must be made without comment, must be seconded, and is not debatable.
2. A Motion to Decline requires two-third majority vote to pass; there is no Minority Opinion.

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GEORGIA STATE (AREA 16) ASSEMBLY WEEKEND
DUBOSE PORTER CENTER / DUBLIN
January 17 - 19, 2025

FRIDAY January 17, 2025

8:00 PM Room 622	OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING Chairperson - Rod S., District 8 – GSR – I Am Responsible Group
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SATURDAY January 18, 2025

9:00 AM Room 620	DELEGATE'S MEETING with AREA CHAIRS/CO CHAIRS Liz W., Delegate / Mark G., Alternate Delegate
9:00 – 10:45 AM Training Room C	DCM 101 (Part 1 of 3) Tracy M., Area Chairperson
10:00 AM Training Room G	ASSEMBLY 101: Getting the most out of your Assembly Debi K., Area Office Committee Chair
11:00 AM Auditorium	COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Derek W., / Lon P., Chairpersons
11:00 AM Training Room C	ARCHIVE MEETING Drew H. / John J., Chairpersons
11:00 AM Room 620	CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING Mark G., Alternate Delegate
11:00 AM Room 611	CORRECTIONS MEETING Amber T. / John R., Chairpersons
11:00 AM Training Room G	GRAPEVINE/ LAVINA MEETING Haley B. / Doug H. / Amparo M Chairpersons
11:00 AM Training Room D	PI/CPC MEETING Karen A. / Leslie J., Chairpersons
11:00 AM Room 622	SECRETARY/TREASURER WORKSHOP C Kirby M., Area Secretary / Mary Flynn B., Area Treasurer
11:00 AM Training Room H	TREATMENT/ ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING Claire B / Nancy N., Chairpersons
1:00 PM Training Room C	DCM MEETING Liz W., Delegate
1:00 PM Auditorium	GSR ORIENTATION (Part 1 of 3) David M., Past Delegate, Area 16 (GA)
3:00 – 5:00 PM Auditorium	GSR WORKSHOP Inventory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How it helps me get sober. Susan A., DCM 13I • How it helps me grow in recovery. Garrett W., DCM 10A • How it helps the group grow & improve. Mark C., DCM 5A

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Scan for Assembly Evaluation

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Ask-it-Basket (Liz W, Tracy M, Mary Flynn B, Debi K, C Kirby, Susan A, Garrett W., Mark C.)

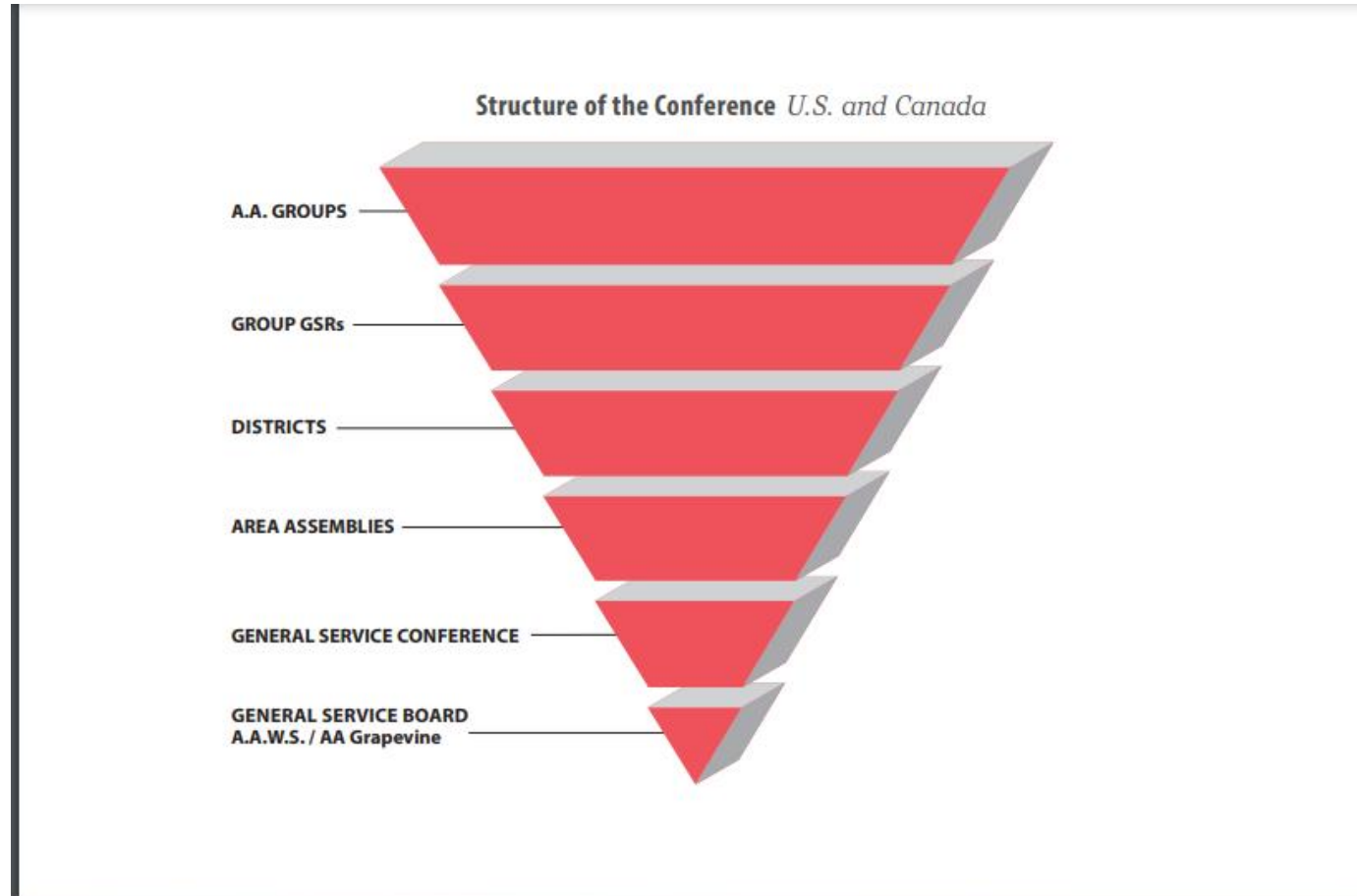
Purpose of the Georgia State Service Assembly

PURPOSE

Not all areas operate in the same way, but generally speaking, an area's purpose is threefold:

1. To elect a delegate who will represent the area's conscience at the annual General Service Conference, where decisions are made that affect A.A. throughout the U.S. & Canada.
2. To form a local decision-making structure so groups can collectively decide on matters that affect their area.
3. To carry out Twelfth Step work that may not be practical for groups, districts or intergroups to take on by themselves. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Accessibility
 - Area bulletin or newsletter
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
 - Corrections
 - Informational website
 - Language translation services
 - Literature, including Grapevine and La Viña
 - Public Information (PI)
 - Treatment Facilities

AA Service Structure



Participation in GSSA

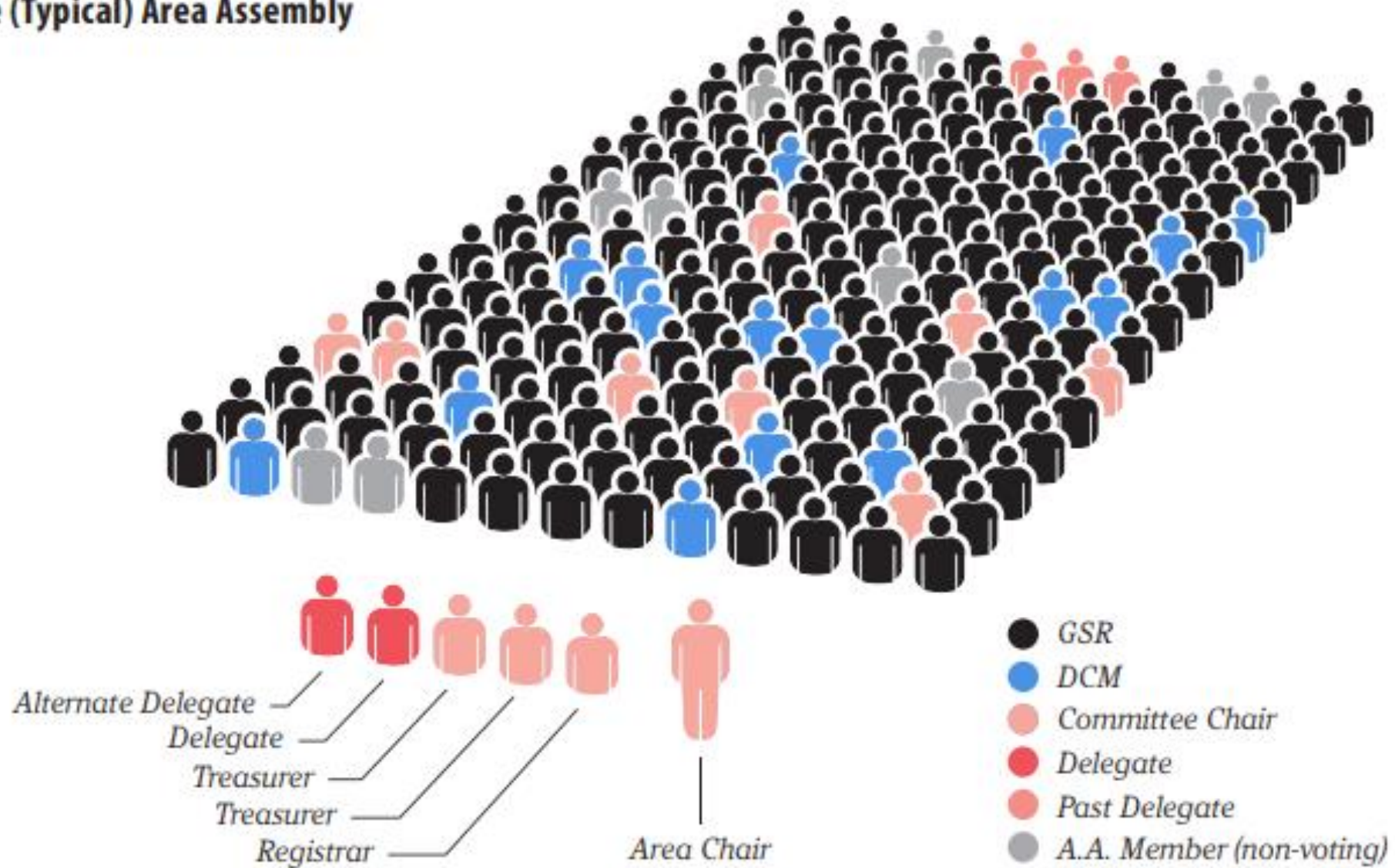
- Participate in Committee/Position Workshops
- GSR Workshop
- Business Meeting Sunday Morning
 - Only General Service Representatives (GSRs) can vote or make/2nd/amend motions
 - Anyone can speak at the mic-2 minute time limit
 - Important to bring the group conscience of your home group
 - What is best for AA as a whole in Area 16



Logisitics

- **Registration** – GSR (or designated alternate) must register before 9:00 am on Sunday in order to vote
- **Spanish Translation-** Sessions translated in Spanish are indicated by an *Translated in Spanish
- **Food-Food Trucks!!** Right outside or locations nearby (Zaxby's, Longhorn, Waffle House, Chick Fil A)
- **Hotels-**Hampton, LaQuinta, Marriott
- **Smoking** -Non-smoking facility
- **Anything else you have questions about?**

The (Typical) Area Assembly





2025 Georgia State Service Assembly

DuBose Porter Center
560 Pinehill Rd, Dublin, GA 31021

2025 Assembly Dates:
January 17-19, 2025
May 16-18, 2025
Sept 19-21, 2025

Agenda
(English)

Agenda - January 2025

Georgia State Service Assembly Overview

The Georgia State Service Assembly is conducted 3 times a year, scheduled around the third Saturday in the months of January, May and September. The Assembly runs for 3 days starting Friday with an Open Discussion Meeting. Saturday morning at 9:00 AM starts the business of the Service Assembly. The Georgia State Service Assembly is held at the Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin. The Agenda should be posted one month before Assembly.

Who attends the Assembly?

- GSRs/Alt GSRs-Must sign in by 9:00AM Sunday in order to vote
- DCMs/Alt DCMs
- District/Zone/Group Secretaries and Treasurers
- Service Committee Members
- Area Office Committee-Delegate, Alt Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Area Chairperson, Office Committee Chair, Office Manager
- Area Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs
- AA Members



Area Committees

- Archives
- Corrections
- Communications
- Grapevine-LaVina
- Public Information Cooperation with the Professional Community (PICPC)
- Treatment-Accessibilities

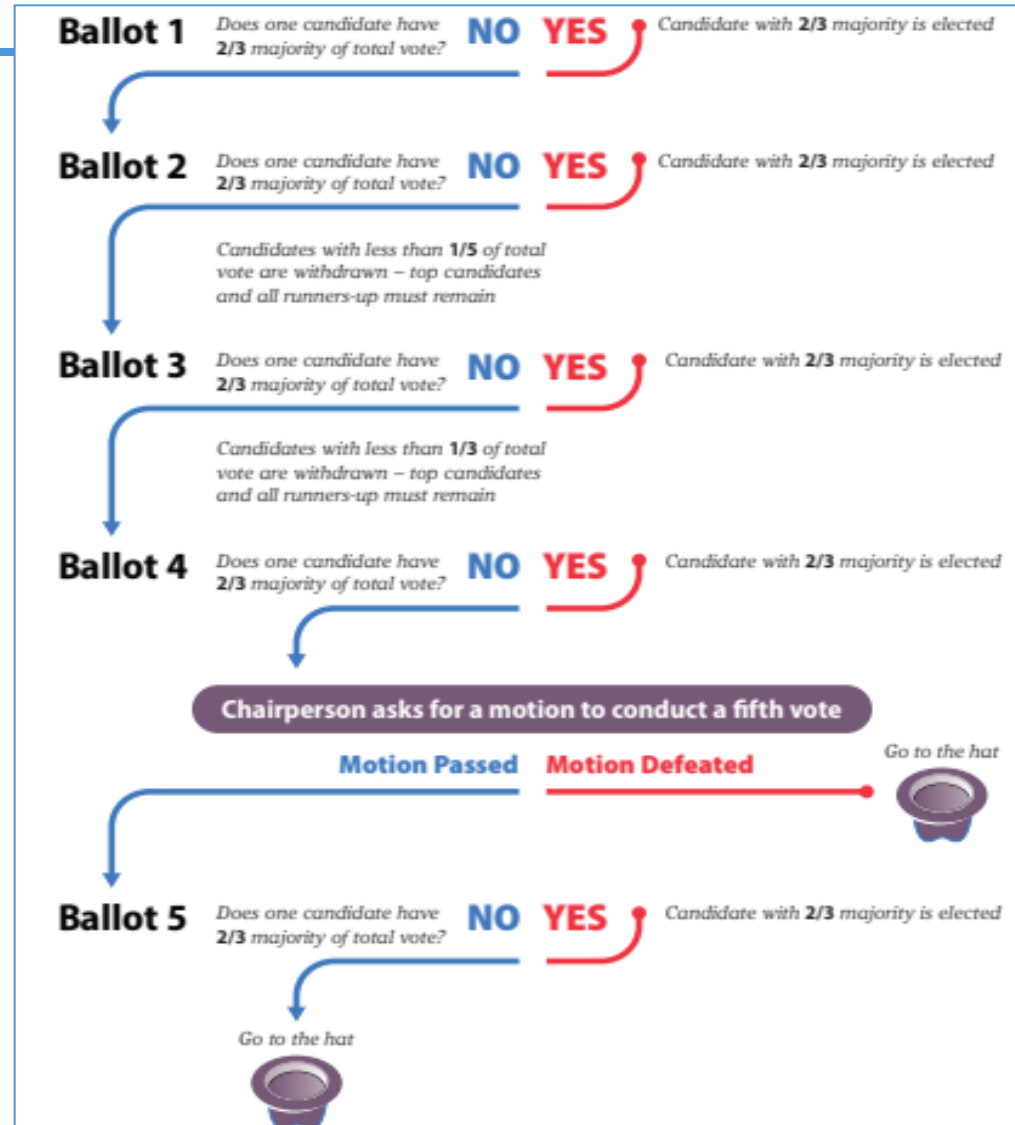
UNITY *Attraction Rather than Promotion* **SERVICE** *Our Common Welfare is Paramount*
No Opinion on Outside Issues **DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING** **ALCOHOLICS** *NO OTHER AFFILIATION*
One Ultimate Authority **ANONYMOUS** *Non-professional* **RECOVERY SELF-SUPPORTING**
Each member is a small part of a great whole. *Anonymity*
Singleness of Purpose *Principles Before Personalities*

Elections

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- Delegate and Alternate Delegate-every two years on the odd year
- Secretary and Treasurer-every two years on the even year
- Trustee-every four years on the even year
- Third Legacy Voting Procedure

Third Legacy Procedure



Motions

Georgia State Service Assembly - Area 16 Assembly Motion Form

Date:

Name of Originator:

District/ Home Group:

Motion Seconded By:

District / Home Group:

Exact wording of motion to be made:

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New to AA?

[Learn about Alcoholics Anonymous](#)

Looking for a Meeting in Georgia?

[Search by map or city / zip](#)

New to AA Service?

[See resources for Trusted Servants](#)

Georgia Meetings and Information

- [Find a Meeting with Maps](#)
- [Find a Meeting by City, District or Zone](#)

Forms and Change Requests

- [Forms Page](#)
- [New Group Registration](#)
- [Existing Group Meeting Changes](#)
- [Existing Group Trusted Servant Updates](#)
- [District Level Servants Updates](#)

Georgia Message

- [Georgia Message of AA Newsletter](#)

Georgia State Events and Information

- [GSSA Assembly](#)
- [72nd Prepaid Convention \(Columbus, GA\)](#)
October 17 - 19, 2025
- [Archives Committee Presents](#)
- [Cluster Forums](#)

General Service Office - World Services

- [AA World Services, Inc. Website](#)
- [AA Grapevine/La Viña Website](#)
- [What is the General Service Conference?](#)
- [General Service Conference Documents](#)

Area 16 Upcoming Events

[Download Events List - 2025](#)

[Georgia State Service Assembly \(GSSA\)](#)

January 17 - January 20
Dublin, GA
Today!

[PI/CPC COMMITTEE - SHARING SESSIONS](#)

January 20 @ 7pm
Virtual
In 4 days

[Southeast Region - Delegate Get Together](#)

February 7 - February 10
Atlanta, GA
In 21 days


[CPC COMMITTEE - SHARING](#)

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Have
Fun!

Thank You!!

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