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## General Service Conference

By Debi K.  
Area 16 Delegate

By the time you read this, I will have attended the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference (virtual) and will be preparing my report to give to you at the May Area Assembly. It has definitely been an interesting year. We have transitioned to virtual spaces, worked with newcomers, continued to do the business of Alcoholics Anonymous, and remained sober. It is through the grace of my Higher Power and the principles of our program that I have continued to grow in my recovery and continued to serve.

I wanted to focus this article on the General Service Conference (GSC). The GSC may seem far removed from some of you but is a vital part of our three legacies. In 1954, Dr. Bernard Smith, a non-alcoholic trustee who chaired the trustees' board, stated the following at his opening talk:

*"We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight — destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in AA that rebirth that brought us back to life.*

*We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade AA. We need it to ensure AA against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect AA against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Tradition, and its services.*

*We need it to ensure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and wants of all of AA, and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of AA never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is." (AA Service Manual S20)*

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## Important May Assembly Update

The Georgia State Service Assembly scheduled for May 14th -16th will be held virtually, and not in-person. Please note that we will have an open meeting on Friday night, committee meetings, GSR training, DCM training and an open Speaker meeting on Saturday night.

In consideration of the current state of emergency in Georgia due to the COVID-19 virus, it was felt to be prudent to put the health and safety of our members first.

A copy of the agenda for this Virtual Assembly is included in this newsletter (Pages 7 - 8) and is available online at [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org).

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE / [alt\\_delegate@aageorgia.org](mailto:alt_delegate@aageorgia.org)**

## Final Responsibility and Ultimate Authority

By Jim T.  
Area 16 Alternate Delegate

As I write this article, we are finalizing our Pre-Conference discussions to help prepare Debi, our Area 16 Delegate, to attend the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference. This process has involved the Office Committee, numerous past Area Officers, the Area Chairs and Co-Chairs, the DCMs, GSRs, and the AA groups all across Georgia. Our discussions center around developing our group conscience on what are called "Agenda Items" for this year's Conference. These Agenda Items are simply ideas or requests that have been submitted to the General Service Office by Areas, Districts, Groups, or even individual AA members across the U.S. and Canada since last December.

The involvement levels in this process around the state have been, as you might imagine, varied. Some

groups and districts have been really interested and others, not so much. This is all well and good because I don't know of another organization that allows its members so much freedom to decide what they will participate in and what they will not. I have heard comments like, "that's only important for the folks in New York", or "that's only important for those folks in Macon". Experience has taught me differently. The upside down (or inverted) triangle that depicts our service structure, puts the AA groups at the top, followed by our districts, areas, Conference Delegates, and General Service Board. This means the AA groups play a critical role in ultimately directing AA's future.

Tradition Two states that "For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern". It is only through participation of the AA

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**TREASURER / treasurer@aageorgia.org**

**Guides,  
Not Recommendations  
By Kelly G.  
Area 16 Treasurer**

Thank you to all of the DCMs who participated in the Pre-Conference Committee meetings on April 3rd. We had a lot of great discussions in our breakout sessions, which included topics related to finance, international conventions and regional forums.

There was a finance item that I found interesting and wanted to share with our Area. There were some concerns that the pie charts within the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix", outlining samples of group contributions to AA Service entities could be seen as recommendations instead of purely samples. Area 16, under the Service

tab on the website, also outlines some sample pie charts.

I do want to make it clear to our Area that these charts are meant to be guides. They are not to be taken as recommendations, and we do not intend them to be recommendations. "Each group should be autonomous," and in keeping with our Fourth Tradition, the decision rests with the group and its members.

Again, I appreciate all of your efforts the last few months as you brought important topics back to your districts and groups so that their voices are heard.

We look forward to seeing you all via Zoom for our May Assembly.

**SECRETARY / secretary@aageorgia.org**

**Opportunities for Service  
By Liz W.  
Area 16 Secretary**

Service is the foundation of my sobriety. I am so grateful for those that instilled in me the importance of service. From the very first meeting I attended, I was asked to help put up the chairs and wipe down the tables after the meeting. I did, at least, know how to do that. It had been a long time since I had been useful to anyone.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to try many areas of service. Some of them I really enjoyed, and some didn't exactly blow my dress up. Finding the right fit was kind of like finding the right bar. If I didn't like the first one, I kept on going until I found a place where I was comfortable.

I have also found that, in a virtual world, there are still many opportunities to be of service. I have had the opportunity to host meetings, chair meetings, do Twelfth Step work, participate in book studies and meet with sponsees. I am excited to find this previously unknown platform to carry the message. But I am also looking forward to being able to reach out and hug my fellow

members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Patience is my watchword for today. I know it will happen, even if it's not fast enough for me.

If you are looking for an opportunity to be of service, chances are there are many in your own home group or district. Talk to your home group members. Attend your group conscience meetings. Say yes when asked to try something new. You don't have to be married to it, just try it. If it doesn't suit you, try something else. Eventually you are sure to find that one thing that inspires you. My area was and is corrections work. But being secretary is fulfilling too. The pamphlet "The Home Group" is full of information about service within the group. If you are interested in learning more about one of the standing committees, there will be workshops during the Virtual May Assembly where you can gather information.

Whatever you decide to do, give it an honest effort. Eventually you will find your own way in service like you found your way in sobriety. May God bless you with many spiritual experiences as you trudge that road.

**SELF-SUPPORT  
GROUP CONTRIBUTION PLANS TO AA  
SERVICE ENTITIES**

"To help support AA's essential services, the General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, *through an informed group conscience*, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation." - *Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix*

Self-support begins with each of us as part of a group. After group expenses are paid, remaining contributions should be disbursed to cover the expenses of our service entities so others can discover the miracles of AA.

Below are sample distribution plans. The group conscience should be informed on the financial needs of each of the service entities when making their distribution decisions as those needs change over time.

**Group Conscience Decision:**

State Office, Macon:	_____ %
District/Zone:	_____ %
Central Office:	_____ %
Pre-Paid Convention:	_____ %
GSO:	_____ %
Total:	<u>100</u> %

<b>Sample Distribution</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
State Office, Macon:	50%	30%
Central Office:	-	35%
District/Zone:	10%	5%
Pre-Paid Convention:	10%	10%
GSO:	30%	20%

**Mailing Addresses:**

**GSSA (State Office) & Prepaid Convention**  
P.O. Box 7325  
Macon, GA 31209

**GSO (General Service Office)**  
P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

*If you need additional information,  
please call 478-745-2588*

**GRAPEVINE / [grapevine@aageorgia.org](mailto:grapevine@aageorgia.org)**

## **Helping Our Spanish-Speaking Members**

**By Mark J., Chair  
Mitch M., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Grapevine Committee**

Sadly, Whitney S. is stepping down to take care of family. It's with gratitude that we welcome Mitch M. from 7B, who has stepped up to be the new co-chair.

We have been approved to add a third co-chair to assist with the La Vina side of the committee. If you are looking to be of service or know someone who needs a little nudge and who is fluent in Spanish, please have them email [delegate@aageorgia.org](mailto:delegate@aageorgia.org).

District 17 is also in need of help from the Fellowship. They have been sending La Vina to the alcoholic who still suffers in Central America and many countries in South America and have asked the Fellowship to help purchase subscriptions. If you or your group is able to help, please email us so we can get you in touch with Abraham.

In March we had our first virtual Grapevine writing workshop. Jon W., senior editor of the Grapevine, led the workshop and it was a fantastic opportunity to learn about all of the ways that we as members can contribute to Our Meeting in Print.

For those of you who could not attend and are interested in learning how to submit an article, drawing, joke or picture for the calendar, go to <https://www.aageorgia.org/grapevine>. The password is [Gssa@2006](mailto:Gssa@2006).

Big thanks to Damon E. for being of service to ensure that the 11th Tradition is adhered to with regards to the recording.

Also in March, District 7A hosted a Hybrid Grape-A-Thon. If you are hosting a Grape-A-Thon in person, virtual or hybrid, please email the flyer and info to [grapevine@aageorgia.org](mailto:grapevine@aageorgia.org) so that Mitch or I can make ourselves available. Don't forget to send the flyer to [gssa@aageorgia.com](mailto:gssa@aageorgia.com) as well to be posted on the website.

**Treatment /Accessibilities  
[treatment@aageorgia.org](mailto:treatment@aageorgia.org)**

## **Attraction, Not Promotion By Karen S., Chair Pearce M., Co-Chair Area 16 Treatment / Accessibilities Committee**

Springing forward has never looked so beautiful. As things are beginning to open around the world it is time to get energized and take action. Any committee chairs and members that may need help moving forward, please reach out. We do this together. For the folks that have been around for a bit let us know what you are doing.

Recently a person reached out and wanted to know: "How can we get more people involved?" I think the simple answer is we need "attraction rather than promotion" within our committees. It must be remembered: "We aren't a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life." (Alcoholics Anonymous, page 132)

The next question I must ask myself is am I doing my part to make this committee attractive?

We would like you to look around your area and see if there is a Treatment and Accessibilities rep. If there is not, please help. Make sure that the hand of AA is available whenever anyone reaches out. I am so thankful that it was there for me.

Look forward to hearing from you and hopefully seeing you soon.

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## **Reaching Out to DUI Schools**

**By Micah G., Chair  
William B., Co-Chair  
Area 16 Public Information and  
Cooperation With the Professional  
Community Committee**

Congratulations to District 11C, which joined a few other districts in Area 16 in carrying the AA message to DUI schools by way of Zoom.

We encourage District PI/CPC chairs to contact DUI schools in their area to let them know we are available for virtual talks at non-AA meetings. Some Instructors say they plan to return to face-to-face meetings soon but if Covid-19 does not subside, they will consider virtual talks by AA members.

When reaching out to DUI school staff and instructors, we first let them know we are unpaid volunteers and that we only carry the AA message. Our main purpose is to let the students know AA is available in the community for those who have a problem with alcohol, and they can attend a meeting with the use of a smartphone, tablet or computer.

DCM's who do not have a PI/CPC chair can announce at their district and group meetings the importance of PI/CPC work for those willing to serve. The Area 16 PI/CPC chair and co-chair are available to assist those who are new to PI/CPC and those who would like more information on how to get started. After registration at the district and group level, the information is sent from the state office in Macon to the General Service Office in New York. The volunteer will later receive a PI and CPC Workbook from the General Service Office. Some helpful pamphlets are: "Speaking At Non-AA Meetings" and "How To Do PI/CPC Work".

AA pamphlets and additional literature are available at your local Intergroup Office, the state office in Macon and on our website at [aageorgia.org](http://aageorgia.org)

Contact us if you need support at [picpc@aageorgia.org](mailto:picpc@aageorgia.org)

***First Things First  
Live and Let Live  
Easy Does It.***



## ARCHIVES/ [archives@aageorgia.org](mailto:archives@aageorgia.org)

### Heritage and History

By Mike S., Chair

Mark G., Co-Chair

Area 16 Archives Committee

We hope this finds you well and ready to move forward in 2021. There is always lots of work to be done in AA and gathering and preserving our history is vital during these times. Since the birth of AA, the message has never changed. However, during the pandemic the method of delivery has been extremely different for some of us.

Talking with people throughout our state, we've found that our different groups have done things in different ways. Some groups stayed open and never missed a beat, others closed temporarily, and some were virtual. We have groups that did the hybrid thing

and groups that closed their doors and unfortunately won't reopen. Some people enjoyed Zoom meetings from around the world. Others used the old-fashioned telephone to get their dose of AA. The hand of AA has been delivered in many different forms but anytime anyone reached out it has been there.

We would like to invite everybody to come by the state office in Macon if you get the opportunity. Georgia has a state-of-the-art repository that is filled with AA heritage and history. The last few years we have put a lot of work into inventory and cataloging. We have also spent many hours cleaning house to make it more organized and user-friendly. For those of you that can't make it, we are looking forward to sharing parts of our collection at future cluster forums and this year's Prepaid Convention.

## COMMUNICATIONS [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org)

### The Beauty of the Trees

By Chuck H., Chair

Janie C., Co-chair

Area 16 Communications Committee

*"We missed the reality and the beauty of the forest because we were diverted by the ugliness of some of its trees. We never gave the spiritual side of life a fair hearing." — Alcoholics Anonymous, page 50*

Noise is a real barrier to communication. Throughout the process of communication, from encoding, to choosing the medium of transmission, to decoding, and getting feedback, noise can get in the way. As recovering alcoholics, whose lives depend on our contact with a Higher Power, we can't afford to let the noise in our head break our connection. Our literature suggests that the biggest barrier may be "contempt prior to investigation," but our modern world is so full of distractions we may not even get an opportunity to form an opinion.

During this beautiful time of new beginnings, we encourage you to take some time to set aside the distractions, quiet whatever inner disturbance you may be having, and try to communicate with your Higher Power. Remember that the medium of transmission could be another alcoholic seeking recovery.

The Area 16 Communications Committee is still looking for a Publisher, Web Conference Coordinator, a GSuite Administrator or Trainer, and a Project Manager. Like almost all service work, these involve some on-the-job training and opportunities for learning, growth, and humility.

If you would like to volunteer, please email us at [communications@aageorgia.org](mailto:communications@aageorgia.org)

## CORRECTIONS / [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org)

### I Am Responsible

By David J., Chair

Dawn U., Co-Chair

Area 16 Corrections Committee

Our condolences to District 5A as another dedicated servant has passed. Stephen C. was the current District 5A corrections chair. His sobriety date was Nov. 27, 2014. He worked within his group, within his district and on the Area level. He was part of the team working to bring the National Corrections Conference to Georgia.

In times like this, I take solace in the lesson taught by Bill S. from Roswell. When Dock Crandell was killed during a 12th Step Call, Bill was devastated. What to do? But Dock's lesson soon came to Bill: Do what you were taught to do.

Taking a bad situation and growing good from it is what we do. Stephen leaving us was a hard blow to take. But, with our prisons full of alcoholics we see AA soon going back to these prisons with meetings. Our challenge is having enough alcoholics to do so.

Our Corrections web site, Corrections newsletter, and contact lists are being updated to the new procedures of our prisons and jails. The Corrections Committee would like to ask you to contact us about the many ways that you can help the suffering alcoholic behind bars.

Stephen, as did Dock Crandell, lived our responsibility statement. "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that: I am responsible."

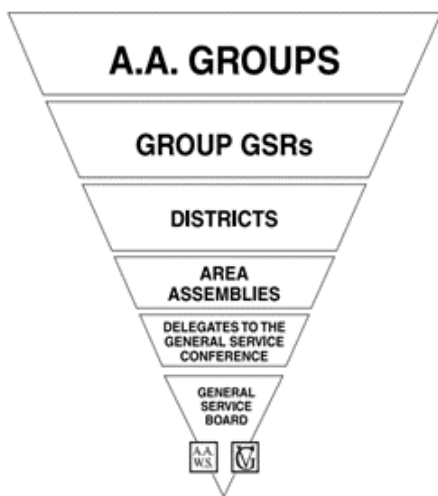
I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.

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This talk is a powerful testimony to our General Service Conference; and I am sure that is the reason it is included in our Service Manual. The sentence that speaks to me is, "We need to ensure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and wants of all of AA."

Once a year, 93 Area Delegates, the trustees, and our General Service Office staff come together to share our thoughts and perspectives on agenda items submitted by our members. This year, there were over 100 agenda items submitted by areas, districts, groups, and members from all over the country. The beauty of conference is the delegates get to hear from one another the needs and wants of areas other than our own to make decisions based on what is best for all of AA. As your Area 16 Delegate, it is important for me to hear your needs and wants. We hopefully accomplish this through our Pre-Conference meeting with the DCMs, who represent your group and your district.

The AA group is at the top of the upside-down triangle for a reason.



Communication on proposed agenda items begins with the group through the group conscience. Your GSR (Group Service Representative) shares your approval or disapproval of the agenda items at the district meeting. The DCM (District Committee Member) brings the groups' wishes to the Pre-Conference meeting. At the Pre-Conference meeting, DCMs, Committee chairs and co-chairs, and the Area Officers come together to discuss each agenda item, share ideas from their groups, and make recommendations to the delegate. These recommendations

are vital to me as they become part of my thinking at Conference, where I can provide input and ask questions. I use the information you provide along with the information I learn from my fellow delegates to make an informed decision before I vote for a recommendation to become an Advisory Action.

That is why your group input is so important and why the groups are actually not far removed from decisions made at our General Service Conference. Without you, the system is broken. So many of you reached out to ask clarifying questions and offer your thoughts on agenda items that resonated with you. I love hearing from you and have enjoyed these conversations. I appreciate your continued interest and dedication to our service structure. We want to ensure that any changes to AA are a response to the needs and wants of ALL of AA. Thank you for your continued support of our AA service structure.

Please feel free to contact me at [delegate@aa-georgia.org](mailto:delegate@aa-georgia.org)

Join me for Coffee and Conversation the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Zoom ID: **930 5601 7418**; Password: **Coffee**

## Birthday Contributions

### District 11, Zone A

Walton County Group  
Jocelyn B - January 1, 2010  
Memory of Tony M - Feb 3, 2010

### Unknown Group

Kathy B - January 24, 1989  
Ian - August 9, 1994

## Things We Cannot Change

### Tony P

Savannah Group  
Passed March 27, 2021  
Sobriety Date November 3, 1996

### Steve C

Early Bird Group  
Passed March 2021  
Sobriety Date November 27, 2013

## Alternate Delegate Continued from Page 1

groups that we can develop an informed group conscience. This is true at all levels of service — whether it be at your home group, your District or Zone meetings, at Assembly, or at the General Service Conference. Decisions made at Conference shape our future as a whole, and we need your input to help guide our trusted servants. You see, your voice truly does matter.

Important questions will be addressed at this year's Conference. Questions such as: whether or not we should change the Big Book to make it more readable or understandable, how can we include online meetings in our service structure, and should we develop a fifth edition of the Big Book will be discussed. These are just a few examples among many.

Concept One states that "Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship". The AA groups have that ultimate authority. Even though by the time this article is published, this year's Conference will be concluded, we as AA members always have a say in what direction our Fellowship goes. I shudder to think what would have happened to me if AA wasn't here when I finally got ready. Let's all take part in ensuring AA flourishes for the still-suffering alcoholic who shows up tomorrow.

## A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united.

For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

*Events listed here are presented solely as a service to the readers, not as an endorsement by the State Assembly. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided. Please check with the organizers closer to the date regarding cancellations or changes.*

70th General Service Assembly	Virtual	April 18 - 24
Coffee & Conversation (7:00 P.M.)	Zoom Meeting (link <a href="http://aageorgia.org">aageorgia.org</a> )	May 5
Georgia AA Service Assembly	Virtual (See Agenda on Pages 7 & 8)	May 14 - 16
Coffee & Conversation (7:00 P.M.)	Zoom Meeting (link <a href="http://aageorgia.org">aageorgia.org</a> )	June 2
Girlstock International	Atlanta, GA	June 4 - 6
XIV Spanish Convention		June 5 - 6
East Central Cluster Forum (9:30 A.M.)	Virtual (Zoom ID: 709 870 9964)	June 26
(Includes 8, 9, 12A, 12B)	(Password: DrBob1935)	

**The Message article deadline for July and August publication is June 1st.**

There is no subscription fee for this newsletter, however all contributions are appreciated.

**Please mail to: G.S.S.A., P. O. Box 7325, Macon, Ga. 31209**

Tom H., Past Delegate, Panel 62 from Area 16 has been elected by the 71st General Service Conference to serve as Southeast Regional Trustee. He will serve a four year term. Congratulations to Tom!

### Regional Forums Video:

[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/regional-and-local-forums](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums)

## ASSEMBLY

## RESERVATIONS

Need a room at the Hampton Inn & Suites of Dublin for Assembly? Call (478) 246-6055

Please remember to tell them that you are with the (GSSA) Georgia State Service Assembly, to get the Group Rate.

Please remember that the cut off date is up to one week prior to Assembly if rooms are still available.

Room reservation comes with Free Wi-Fi and Free Breakfast.



# GEORGIA STATE (AREA 16) ASSEMBLY WEEKEND

Zoom Virtual Meeting\*

May 2021

## **FRIDAY May 14**

8:00 PM OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING Zoom ID **220 172 1415** PW **DrBob1935**  
Hosted by District 8

## **SATURDAY May 15**

9:00 AM DELEGATE'S MTG w/ AREA CHAIRS Zoom ID **861 3980 4544** PW **197217**  
Debi K., Delegate / Jim T., Alternate Delegate

9:00 AM DCM 101 (2 hour session) Zoom ID **220 172 1415** PW **DrBob1935**  
Rick M., Past Delegate, Area Chairperson

10:00 AM New to Assembly? Assembly 101 Zoom ID **290 322 9495** PW **DrBob1935**  
Ernie M., Past Delegate, Office Committee Chairperson

### **Committee Workshops**

10:00 AM WEB COMMITTEE Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**  
Dave L., Chairperson

10:00 AM ARCHIVES MEETING Zoom ID **467 859 5504** PW **DrBob1935**  
Mike S. / Mark G., Chairpersons

10:00 AM CORRECTIONS MEETING Zoom ID **908 532 6053** PW **DrBob1935**  
David J. / Dawn U., Chairpersons

11:15 AM GRAPEVINE MEETING Zoom ID **220 172 1415** PW **DrBob1935**  
Whitney S. / Mark J., Chairpersons

11:15 AM PI/CPC MEETING Zoom ID **467 859 5504** PW **DrBob1935**  
Micah G. / William B., Chairpersons

11:15 AM TREATMENT/ ACCESSIBILITIES MTG Zoom ID **908 532 6053** PW **DrBob1935**  
Karen S. / Pearse M., Chairpersons

11:15 AM CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING Zoom ID **522 313 4796** No Password  
Jim T., Alternate Delegate

11:15 AM SECRETARY/TREASURER MTG Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**  
Liz W., Area Secretary / Kelly G., Area Treasurer

1:00 PM DCM MEETING Zoom ID **908 532 6053** PW **DrBob1935**  
Debi K., Delegate

1:00 PM GSR ORIENTATION (Part 2 of 3) Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**  
David S., Past Area Delegate, Area 16 (GA)

3:00 PM GSR WORKSHOP Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**  
(Including reports from area chairs)

Presentations:

1. Practicing the Principles in a Changing World - Hunter P., DCM 13G
2. Recovery in a Changing World - Doug H., DCM 1A
3. Service in a Changing World - Jaki T., DCM 10A

Ask-it-Basket (Ernie M., Rick McN., Debi K., Jim T., Liz W., Kelly G.)

**Submit questions via email to [askit@aageorgia.org](mailto:askit@aageorgia.org)**

# THE GEORGIA MESSAGE OF AA

## SATURDAY May 15 (Continued from Page 7)

8:00 PM AREA 16 OPEN SPEAKER MTG Zoom ID **709 870 9964** PW **DrBob1935**  
Chair: Cathy K., DCM 15A  
12 Steps: Cheryl F., DCM 3D  
12 Traditions: Skip F., DCM 13K  
Speaker – Daniel L., DCM 16E

## SUNDAY May 16

**\*Join Meeting:** Zoom Meeting **Login: 709 870 9964**  
Zoom Meeting **Password: DrBob1935** (password is case sensitive)

Please be sure to use the following for your naming in the meeting: **First name, Last name initial, Service position or “Member” (if no current service position) and District. Example – Mary M. GSR 5A or John S. Member 13B. Zoom allows you to rename yourself once in the environment.**

9:00 AM Fellowship/Familiarization with Zoom Virtual Assembly environment – hosted by Communications/Web Committees

### AREA 16 Virtual BUSINESS MEETING

Traducido en español  
Teléfono: **218-288-2594** PIN: **508 303 063#**

### CALL TO ORDER/SERENITY PRAYER

Rick M., Area 16 Chairperson

1. Delegate's Sharing – Report from 71st General service Conference - Debi K.
2. Recognize Past Area Officers
3. Approve Minutes from January 2021 Business Meeting
4. Report from 2021 Pre-Paid Convention - Jekyll Island
5. Area Officer's reports (Alternate Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer)

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Augusta 70th bid for 2023 Pre-Paid Convention (Districts 12A & 12B)
2. Ad-Hoc Committee Report on January 2021 Assembly Motion: **Area 16 (Georgia) implement a “Motion to Decline to Consider” procedure every time a motion is made on the Assembly floor that would, if passed, necessitate a policy (Manual) change.”**
3. Vote on the following motion: “Page 13 of the Georgia State Service Manual be amended as follows: On Page 13, under the heading of Changing the Guidelines in the Georgia AA Service Manual the following be added: **In the event such a motion fails to receive a two-thirds majority, a subsequent motion, having the same or similar substance, shall not be allowed for a period of 5 years.”**

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Grapevine Committee Chair and Co-chair
2. Nominations for Delegate and Alternate Delegate
3. General Sharing
4. Adjourn with Responsibility Statement (Printed at the bottom of Page 4)

### PLEASE NOTE

**IN ORDER TO VOTE ON SUNDAY, A GSR MUST BE SIGNED IN TO THE (Virtual) BUSINESS MEETING BEFORE 10:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING, AND IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO A “CO-HOST” AS A VOTING MEMBER.**

#### **A Declaration of Unity**

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Gssa@2006