

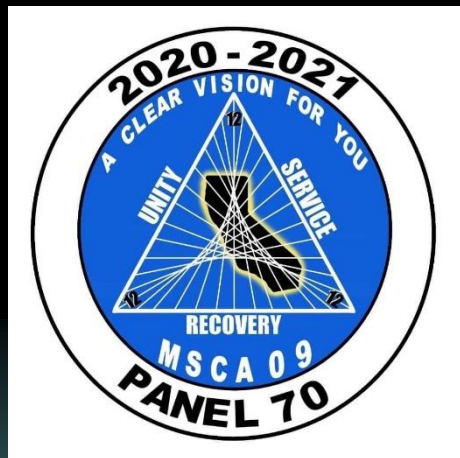
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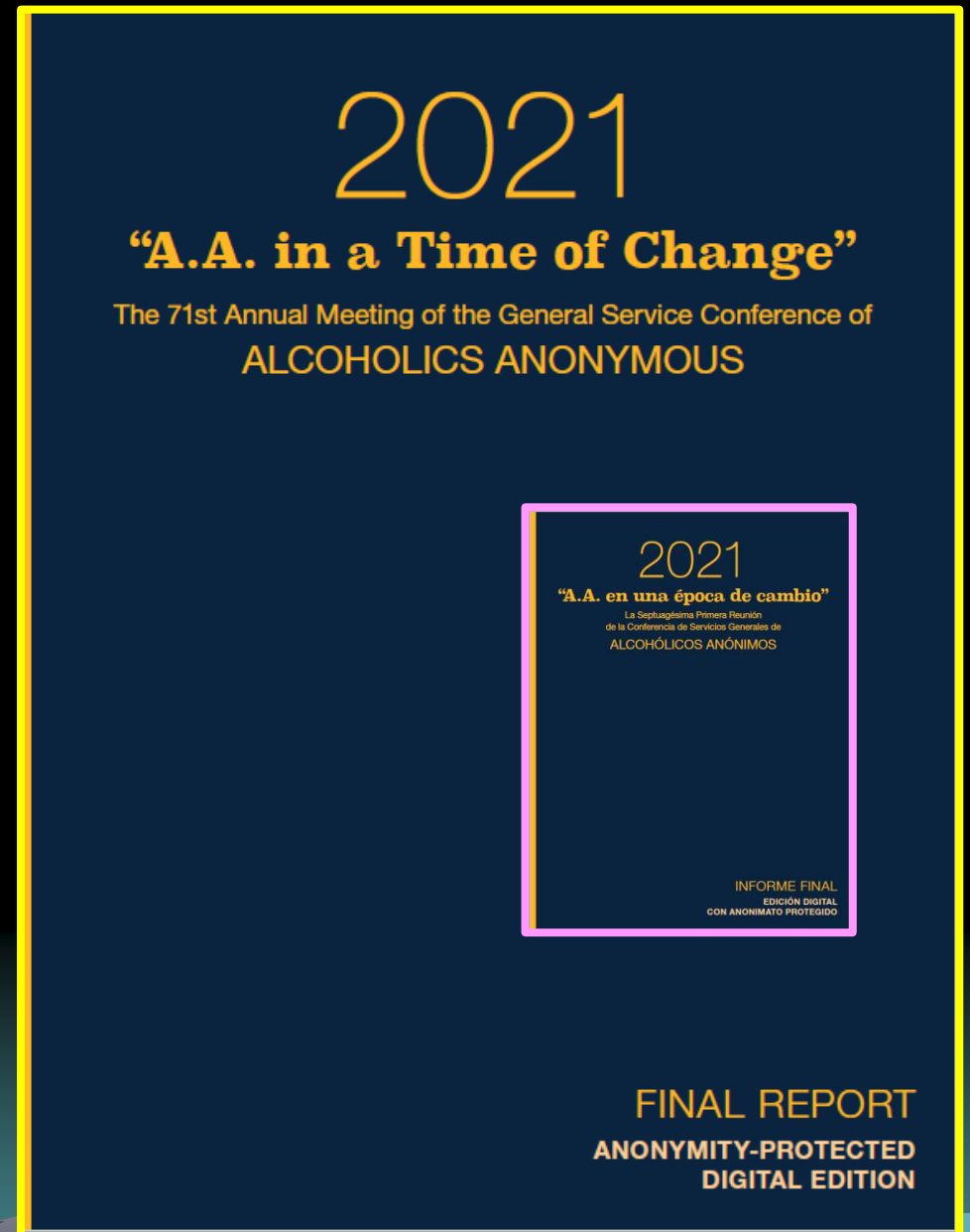
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General Service Board by Michele Grinberg

Function of GSB; need for virtual meetings; financial considerations; trustees' committees; and rotation/new leadership.

A.A. World Services, Inc. by Beau B.

US/CANs; website design; Meeting Guide; YouTube; Google Ads; technology services; Intergroup seminar; international, financial, publishing, operations highlights; Archives; GSO operations; and AAWS updates.

A.A. Grapevine, Inc. by (our own) Kathi F.

Purpose; financial update; and plans going forward.

Trustees' Committees & Staff Reports: Pp 21-54

16 familiar and perhaps unfamiliar Committees & Staff reports:

Familiar: Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities, Corrections, Grapevine, International Conventions/Regional Forums, Literature, Public Information

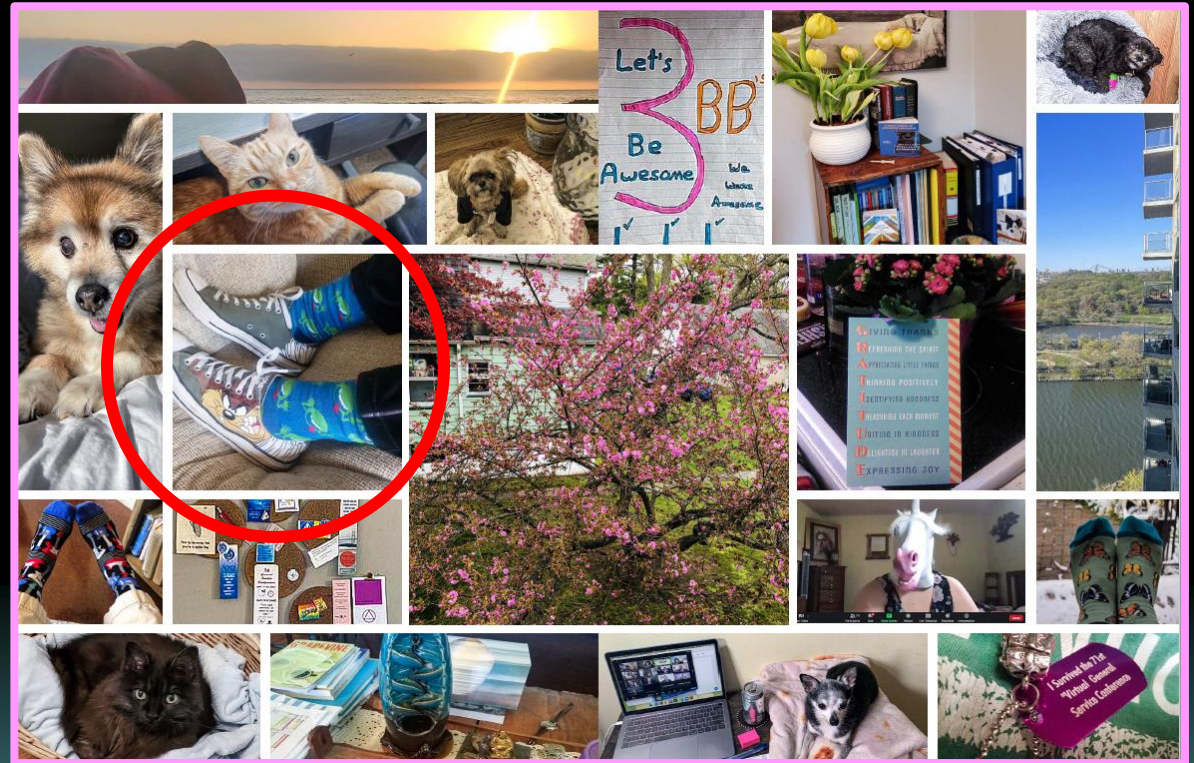
Unfamiliar: Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Conference, Finance and Budgetary, General Sharing Session, Group Services, International, Nominating, Staff Coordinator

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Finance Report: Pp 56-58

■ Finance Report

The Finance report, which is summarized and condensed here, was given on Monday evening by Leslie Backus, treasurer of the General Service Board and chair of the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee, covering the audited 2020 finances of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S., the Grapevine and La Viña. The full report, accompanying slides and detailed notes are not included in this publication, but are available upon request. For more details on A.A. finance, see the report of the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee (page 33) and the independent auditor's statement and audited consolidated financial statements that appear on pages 113-127 of this report



Good evening. My name is Leslie Backus and I am a Class A trustee and treasurer of the General Service Board. It is my privilege to deliver this year's treasurer's report virtually to the 71st General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Through this report, our goal is to help you become familiar with A.A.'s financial position so that you can share it with the Fellowship. Communication is key. We all need to be very aware of what the numbers are and how they came about.

Enhancing our collective understanding of our finances is one way to improve the service structure, and clear

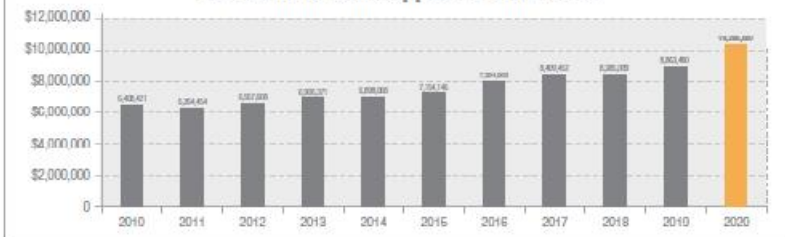
and concise communication is the key. Although our finances continue to grow more complex, remember that Corporate Poverty is more a state of mind, rather than the size of our bank account. "Too much money — and we argue over perils of wealth and lose sight of our primary purpose of carrying the message. Too little — and we risk losing the ability to carry the message at all."

As an overview, there are some highlights I'd like to cover, both good news and bad:

- We got some great news regarding the Seventh Tradition, which ended the year at a record high

- 7th Tradition Self-Support, 2010–2020
- Growth of Online Contributions, 2010–2020
- 2020 Financial Highlights
- Monthly Average Revenue and Expense
- Reserve Fund Ratio Number of Months Coverage, 2006–2020

7th Tradition Self-Support – 2010–2020



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Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations made by the standing committees and approved by the Conference body as a whole or recommendations discussed and voted on by all Conference members during general sessions. The group conscience of the Fellowship in the United States and Canada was expressed in the following Advisory Actions, which the General Service Board accepted in its legally required annual meeting following the 2021 Conference.

85 Committee Considerations: Pp 63-72

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Finance	= 10
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Literature	= 22
Policy/Admissions	= 7
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*An Advisory Action of the 1990 General Service Conference states: "Items discussed, but no action taken or **recommendation made**, as well as committee recommendations which are not adopted, be included in a separate section of the Final Report." Listed by committee, such items are included here "in their entirety" per Advisory Action of the 2019 General Service Conference.*

Workshop Topics (Minutes): Pp 73-75

If we were “10 times bolder” how would we:

- Inform and communicate with others about A.A.
- Involve and call all A.A. members to action and service
- Inspire and attract potential A.A. members and others



Area Highlights for Panel 71: Pp 76-94

Learn about seven other “odd-year” Pacific Region Areas:

Area 93 – Central California – Pp 77 (Karla Y)

Area 06 – Northern Coastal California – Pp 77 (Jennifer B)

Area 05 – Southern California – Pp 77-78 (Lauren A)

Area 17 – Hawaii – Pp 80 (Kunane D)

Area 42 – Nevada – Pp 85 (Julie C)

Area 69 – Utah – Pp 93 (Sheryl T)

Area 72 – Western Washington – Pp 93 (Geene D)



■ Estimates of A.A. Groups and Members
as of December 31, 2020¹

	Groups	Members
United States	69,812	1,438,253
Canada	5,137	86,790
Sub-Total	74,949	1,525,043
Correctional facilities	1,559	39,170
Loners, Internationalist, Homers	0	199
Total	76,509	1,564,412
Outside U.S. & Canada ²	53,281	573,789
Grand Total	129,790	2,138,201

1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O. and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

2. We are aware of A.A. activity in approximately 180 countries, including 64 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually, we attempt to contact those G.S.O.s and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking, we use an earlier year's figures.

Estimated Number Groups & Members in U.S. and Canada: Pp 88

Presentations: Pp 95-102

Delegate Presentations:

“Recovery in a Changing World” by Cynthia T, Maryland

“Service in a Changing World” by France F, Quebec

“Unity in a Changing World” by Carlos L, Puerto Rico

General Service Office/General Service Board Presentations:

“General Service Office Archives” by Michele Mirza

“Carrying the Message Virtually in the Americas:

REDELA (Meeting of the Americas)” by Newton P

“26th World Service Meeting” by Trish L

G.S.O. Department Reports: Pp 103-108

9 Department reports, including:

(1) Administration; (2) Archives; (3) Communications Services Department; (4) Finance and Accounting; (5) Human Resources; (6) Operations; (7) Publishing (webstore, ebook/audio, videos, audiobooks, large print, souvenir book, mail/shipping/receiving); (8) Staff Services, and (9) Technology Services

Literature Distributed: Pp 110-111

Grapevine Literature: Pp 113

Literature (in English, Spanish, & French):

Numbers of books, booklets, pamphlets, miscellaneous (cards, placards, workbooks, guidelines, CDs, DVDs,) etc.

Grapevine products

Numbers of books, e-books, CDs, cassettes, MP3s, and subscriptions for both Grapevine and La Viña



Report of Independent Auditor: Pp 113-127

(1) Function of Auditor; (2) notes to consolidated financial statements; (3) significant accounting policies (e.g., net assets, cash/cash equivalents, investments, inventory, contributions, etc.); (4) liquidity and availability of resources for operating expenditures; (5) investments; (6) property & equipment; (7) postretirement & health benefits; (8) retirement plan; followed by 7 pages of tables with figures.



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- REFRESHING THE SPIRIT
- APPRECIATING LITTLE THINGS
- THINKING POSITIVELY
- IDENTIFYING GOODNESS
- MEASURING EACH MOMENT
- UNITING IN KINDNESS
- EXPRESSING JOY



I Survived The 77th
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Nontrustee Directors serving 2021: Pp 134

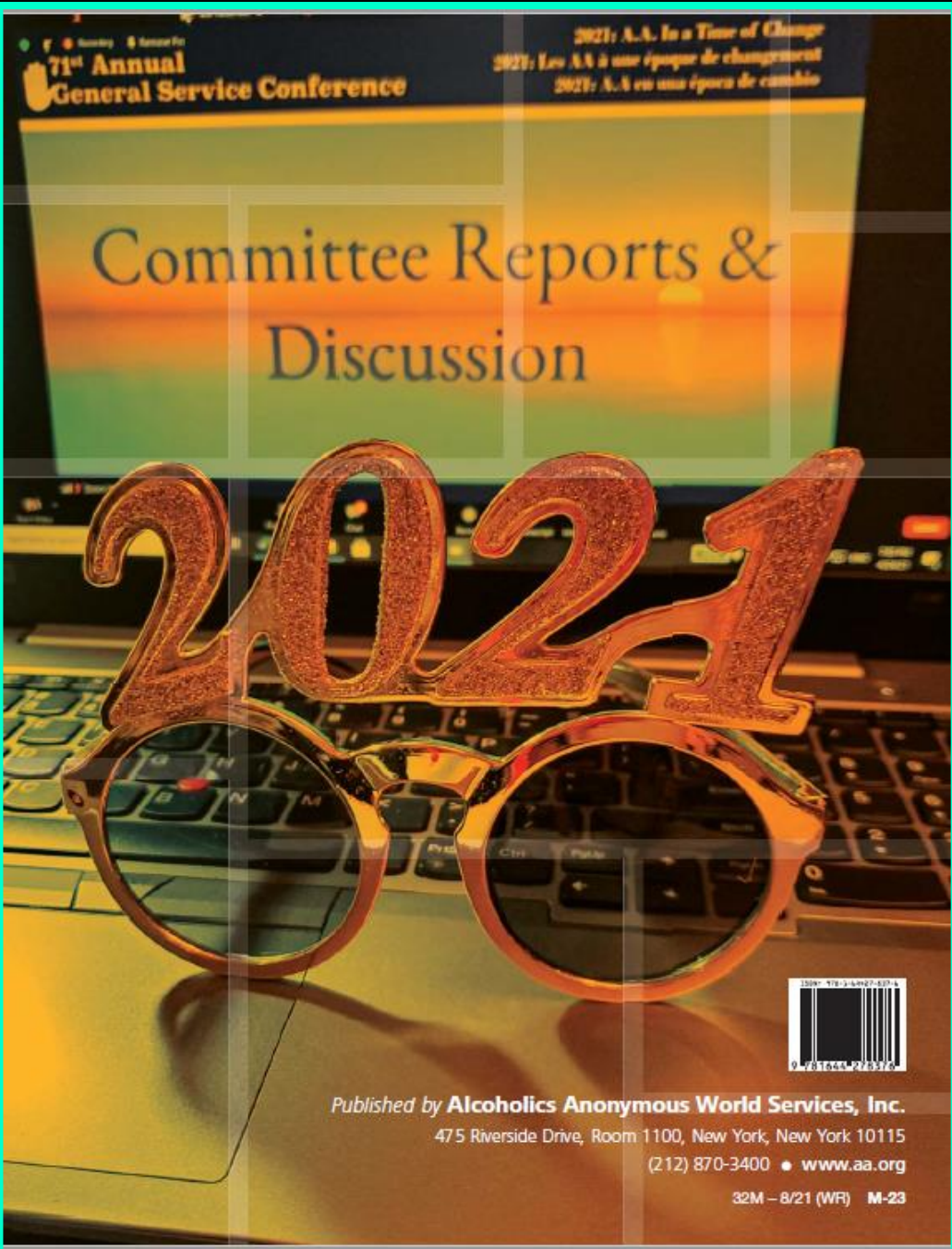
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