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## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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**Date:** June 10, 2025

**To:** Regional Trustees, Area Delegates and Area Committee Officers in the Pacific and Eastern Canada Regions

**Re:** **April 2026 Vacancies for Class B Regional Trustees**

Dear A.A. Friends,

At the General Service Conference in April 2026 Class B regional trustees from the Pacific and Eastern Canada regions will be elected to succeed Reilly K. and Joyce S., respectively.

The notification of regional trustee vacancies is distributed widely within the A.A. fellowship by G.S.O, using available channels of distribution including, but not limited to, use of the Corporation's and A.A.W.S.' mailing lists [electronic and paper], publication on Websites and posting in Box 4-5-9, and whenever possible, in the next available issues of Grapevine and La Viña magazines.

Each area in your region may nominate a regional trustee candidate, and the suggested procedure for this is outlined in the enclosed, "Procedures for Electing Regional Trustee Candidates in the U.S. and Canada."

While a background with business or other professional experience is helpful, the General Service Board is also interested in other strengths that regional trustees can bring.

### **Time Required of Regional Trustees:**

Since much is asked of the trustees with respect to their time, please be sure your candidate understands the commitment.

Trustees are expected to attend the following:

- Three Quarterly Board weekends (Summer, Fall & Winter) - meetings typically run from Friday through Monday noon.
- A fourth Quarterly meeting (Spring) combined with the annual General Service Conference (seven days) in April/May.
- Special meetings of the Board.
- Trustees serve on committees of the General Service Board and may also serve on trustees' subcommittees involving multiple telephone and video conference calls, including weekends, weekdays, and evenings.
- Regional Forums in their own region.
- Rotational attendance at Regional Forums in other Areas.
- May be asked to serve two years on either the A.A. World Services Board or A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board and include possible corporate board subcommittees.
- Frequently invited to participate in regional or area activities such as service conferences, area assemblies, etc.

Trusteeship is for four successive annual terms. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this time commitment with their families and employers. Trustees are reimbursed for travel, hotel and meal expenses.

Prior Conferences have recommended that no area submit the same person as candidate for both regional and trustee-at-large/U.S. or Canada at the same Conference. Also, a General Service Conference delegate is not eligible as a trustee candidate until one year after their last Conference. Panel 75 delegates will not be eligible for a trustee position at the 2026 Conference.

As soon as possible after your area has elected a candidate for regional trustee, the General Service Conference delegate only must send to the secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, [nominating@aa.org](mailto:nominating@aa.org), the name and contact information of the candidate. The secretary to the trustees' Nominating Committee will forward a link to a Resume Sheet, or email a PDF fillable form, for the candidate to complete. The candidate completes the Resume Sheet and submits it by one of the following: electronically via an online link; emailed to [nominating@aa.org](mailto:nominating@aa.org); by fax 212-870-3003; or by mail General Service Office, Nominating Coordinator, 475 Riverside Drive Suite #1100, New York, NY 10115 - to be received on or before the **January 1, 2026**, deadline.

The 27th General Service Conference recommended that any elected candidates' resume sheet submissions received by G.S.O. after the January 1 deadline be returned to the delegate in the submitting area and not be considered. (In other words, the candidate will not be eligible for election in April 2026).

Please prepare the resume carefully. A 1983 Conference Action recommends that all resumes be presented to the Trustees' Nominating Committee and the Conference Committee on Trustees exactly as received, with the exception that spelling and grammatical errors may be corrected by the General Service Office staff preparing resumes for distribution. Original resumes are retained for reference.

If your area chooses not to elect a regional trustee candidate, please let us know. It would be helpful if resume forms and all other correspondence pertaining to trustee elections are addressed to: Attn: Secretary, Trustees' Nominating Committee, at the General Service Office in New York City or by email to [nominating@aa.org](mailto:nominating@aa.org).

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as your election takes place, and all here send warm wishes.

Sincerely yours,

**Scott H.**

Scott H.  
Chairperson, General Service Board

Encl: Procedures for Electing Regional Trustee Candidates in the U.S. and Canada