

The Maryland General Service Area Assembly met in a hybrid format on October 18, 2025. The meeting was held at Severna Park United Methodist Church, hosted by District 6. The room opened at 8:00 a.m. and the virtual doors opened at 8:45 a.m. for fellowship. Chairperson Frank M. opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer with **101** members in attendance (74 in person 27 online, 73 voting members)

Area Chair Opening Remarks: Frank M welcomed everyone to the meeting and went over who is eligible to vote at Area Committee Meetings. Frank then invited any new DCMs, Alt DCMs, or GSR to introduce themselves of which there were **11**. Afterwards, Frank suggested having a service sponsor to walk with you on your service journey and asked for show of hands of those willing to serve as a service sponsor.

Secretary's Report: Joe R. provided a summary of the August 16, 2025, Area Assembly Minutes.

MOTION to accept the Secretary's Report was made by Jerry C seconded by Kevin F. The vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Brigitte F. reported on account balances as of 9/30/2025:

Operating/Checking Account: \$28,745.78

Savings Account (Prudent Reserve): \$20,093

Grapevine: \$5,054

Literature: \$5,405

State Convention: \$500 (the amount keeps the account open free of fees)

Revenue:

Total income as of Sept. 30 totaled **\$36,032, or 63.44 percent** of total estimated revenue for the year.

Group Contributions through Sept. 30 totaled \$33,499. Thanks to our generous groups in Area 29, we continue to hold steady with average monthly contributions of \$3,500.

Individual Contributions = \$655

Seventh Tradition Basket = \$733

Lunch Donations = \$1,053

Interest income on Savings/Prudent Reserve to date: \$2.34

Other = \$90

Expenses:

Total expenses as of Sept. 30 totaled **\$29,649, or 43 percent** of total estimated expenses for the year.

MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Pete P and seconded by Mike F. The vote passed unanimously.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Lori McP. reported that she will serve as the NERAASA 2026 Outreach Contact for Area 29. She noted that the deadline for Proposed Agenda Items for the 76th General Service Conference has passed but invited interest in developing items for the 77th. The final report

from the 75th Conference is available online in English, Spanish, and French. She also announced that the monthly virtual GSR Orientation continues the first Monday of each month, and that the CARC and Mini-Conference process for the 76th Conference will launch in December, with volunteers needed for leadership and recording roles.

Delegate's Report: Terry P. provided his "Delegate's Report", provided his activities throughout the Area, and reported that as we begin to prepare for the 76th General Service Conference, our theme "Humility in Action" reminds him of our singleness of purpose, to help the still suffering alcoholic. "Humility in Action" isn't about inactivity or playing it safe. It's about serving with clear motives, rooted in our spiritual principles. He mentioned that the deadline for submitting Proposed Agenda Items is September 30, 2025.

In other news Terry reported that:

Communications

The GSB has launched a trial to modernize its board packets, now including anonymized committee reports and Board-approved actions. Distribution is limited to Conference members, who may share information but not the packets themselves.

Publishing

- AAWS approved production of an audiobook version of the *Plain Language Big Book* at a cost of \$20,000.
- The Trustees' Corrections Committee ended third-party printing of *Sharing from Behind the Walls* due to costs; physical copies will still be sent with return letters to incarcerated members.
- A committee member was appointed to draft a new statement or declaration on the service and the group conscience for potential adoption at the 2030 International Convention

Finances

End of 2nd Quarter Unaudited Financial Statement

- Contributions - \$4.64M , 10 % less than budgeted; 17% Less than 2024
- Gross Literature Sales - \$8.43M 5% Greater then budget; 17% Greater than 2024
- Net Literature Sales - \$4.35M, 1% less than budget; 19% Greater than 2024
- Operating expenses - \$9.34M, 4% less than budget; 2% more than 2024
- Grapevine Operating Deficit - \$241K deficit. Subscriptions- 43,488 Print; 17,543 App/Online **3% under Budget**
- La Vina Operating Deficit - \$251K deficit Subscriptions 8,360.
- **Reserve Fund:** 6.42 months operating expenses.

The was a **MOTION** by **MJ** to suspend regular business to hold the Maryland General Service Panel 76 elections.

Elections for Panel 76: Kurt W., past Panel 72 Delegate and Board Chair for MGS Inc. led the Election Process for Panel 76 slate of officers which includes: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of service will be for two years beginning January 1, 2026. 76 voting members were in attendance. The elections were held using the Third Legacy Procedure as outlined in the AA Service Manual and Area 29 Handbook.

The results of the election were as follows:

Lori McP- Delegate

Joe R- Alternate Delegate

Kathleen W- Area Chairperson

Marie B- Secretary

Linda J- Treasurer

Congratulations to our incoming Panel 76 officers!

Area Chairperson Frank M thanked everyone for participating and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe R

Area 29, Panel 74 Secretary.