

March 14, 2020

70th General Service Conference Update

Dear Area 83 members.

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous met on Thursday March 12, 2020 (via Zoom). The following recommendations were discussed, voted on and approved:

That the onsite meeting of the 70th General Service Conference, scheduled at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, New York (Westchester County) April 19-25, 2020, be cancelled.

And;

That the 70th General Service Conference be conducted under a modified schedule during the week of April 19-25, 2020 via remote meeting technology, to include Conference committee meetings and reports, board reports, trustee elections, possibly some additional presentations, and debate and voting on Conference committee recommendations. In keeping with Tradition One and with similar safety protocols being implemented in outside organizations, we will begin plans to transition to a "virtual" 70th General Service Conference and conduct all sessions via digital platform.

The GSB has received many questions and concerns regarding delegate fees. They are working diligently on understanding the financial impacts of this decision and will share information with everyone once they've been able to work through it.

With the cancelation of our Spring Assembly it is now even more important that members of Area 83 share with me their thoughts and viewpoints on agenda items to be considered during the

virtual Conference through our "Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Sessions", as well as our online questionnaire. More information can be found on the Area 83 website or by clicking the link below.

<http://area83aa.org/information-on-aa/pre-conference-sharing-sessions>

The first General Service Conference theme was "1951: Genuine Faith – It Begins as an Experiment and Ends as an Experience." We are about to repeat history, 70 years later!

I know that the spirit of A.A. will keep our Fellowship united through these challenging times.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Yours in Love and Service,

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