

It is with gratitude that I have received a few messages and inquires with regards to the email I sent out on August 6th. A copy is below.

I would appreciate it when this discussion comes up not to forget about Area 83. Our funds have been dwindling quite a bit lately, as well as contributions being flat.

Although, it would be great if the members in Area 83 could help our General Service Office to become Self-Supporting, we must think about our own responsibilities first. For example,

since 2008 Area 83 has been in a financial position to send the full assessed amount to the General Service Office for the Delegate to attend the yearly conference in New York. This is the first year which our Treasurer, quite wisely, did not send in the full amount because of our financial situation.

I have had questions as to why the full amount for your Delegate is so high. This year the amount was \$7,800.00 US. This is not only to cover the travel and hotel expenses of the Delegate. (We know that it should not cost members to be active in service by paying for these expenses out of their own pocket.) This amount includes all the printing (this year over 500 pages) of pre-conference material, post conference material and of course the final conference report, which is sent out to all groups in Area 83. There is also all the correspondence during the year from our General Service Office sent to the Delegate to keep our members informed as to what is happening in A.A., as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours In Love and Service

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