

# Northern Illinois Area 20

Unity - Service - Recovery

June 26, 2021

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Summer Assembly. I have a lot to share with you regarding the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference. I hope that you invite me to you district meetings.

I have some information regarding the **General Manager at GSO**. Here is some background on Bob W. for those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting him.

**Bob W.** served as a Panel 52, 2002-2003, delegate from Massachusetts (I'm not sure if he's from Area 30 or 31.) He served as Trustee-at-Large/US from 2013-2017. Since mid-2019, Bob has served in a couple of advisory/consulting roles at GSO, and as acting CFO. His professional background is in auto, home and business insurance.

**Linda Chezem** (nonalcoholic), of Plainfield, Indiana has been selected as the new **Chairperson** of A.A.'s General Service Board replacing outgoing board chair Michele Grinberg. Trained as a lawyer, Linda spent 22 years serving as a judge, beginning as the first female Circuit Court judge in Indiana followed by a decade on the Indiana Court of Appeals. She is a past Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee.

The due date to send agenda items for the 72<sup>nd</sup> GSC is **September 15, 2021**. This is a three-year trial.

The original version of the "**AA preamble**" as it was first introduced to AA in the June, 1947, **Grapevine**. Written by the then editor to describe AA to the Grapevine's non-AA readers, it has become a part of AA literature. It came to be called the "AA Preamble" because it is so often read at the opening of AA meetings.

At the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference there was an agenda item to change the preamble. This passed as a floor motion. It now reads as follows:

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of **people** who share their experience, strength and hope..."  
Area 20 voted no to this change and so did I.

I sent out e-mails regarding vacancies but I will mention them again as follows:

- Two Class A Trustee Vacancies following the 2022 General Service Conference (e-mailed to Area on 6/2/2021)
- A.A.W.S. has started its search for a non-trustee director following the 2022 General Service Conference. (e-mailed to Area on 6/2/2021)
- The AA Grapevine Corporate Board will have a vacancy for the position of non-trustee Director following the 2022 General Service Conference (e-mailed to Area 6/2/2021)

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Marilyn F. Area 20 – Panel 70 Delegate

My total expenses for 2021 to date: \$73.70