

2025-02-08
A Word from Your Delegate
Area Meeting

Hello friends, my name is André D. and I'm an alcoholic. It is my honour and privilege to serve you as your Area 87 delegate. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Area 87 delegate for the 75th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, to be held this year from April 27, 2025 to May 3, 2025 at the New York Hilton - Midtown, NY.

Before I begin my report, I'd like to thank all the members of the Area Committee for your hard work and unwavering support of our groups, districts and committees, whose mission is to bring the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who are still suffering, wherever they may be.

1) Pre-Conference 2025 Assemblies

In the Alcoholics Anonymous service structure, the group holds ultimate authority. It delegates to its General Service representative (G.S.R.) the responsibility of representing it at the Area level service structure and, by the same token, at the General Service Conference (G.S.C.) of Alcoholics Anonymous through the delegate that the G.S.R.s and all the other Area trusted servants elected for a two-year term.

It is therefore important that the G.S.R.s attend the two Area 87 pre-conference assemblies (March 8, 2025 and April 12, 2025) that precede the delegate's departure for the annual General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous, held April 27 to May 3, at the New York Hilton - (NY).

The final agenda for the 75th GSC will be known on February 15, 2025 and published in all 3 languages on the Area 87 website at aa87.org (see Delegate's Corner).

I am assigned to the GSC Public Information (PI) Committee. This year's final agenda won't be much different from last year's. The ideas currently driving the work of the PI Conference Committee are all about getting the A.A. message out to the general public. The increasing use of modern means of communication (virtual platforms, social media, streaming, etc.) is what characterizes almost all of the PI work being done at the General Service Office (G.S.O.) in New York.

This year, the themes selected for the two Area 87 pre-conference assemblies will be taken from the items on the final agenda of the 75th GSC that directly affect our Area. One of the themes will be the role and direct participation of the G.S.R. in the debates and the decision-making of our Area.

On January 2, 2025, I sent out a request for information to all delegates to the 75th GSC, asking them to gather their experience as an Area within the GSC, on the role of their G.S.R.s at their committee and Area assembly meetings. They were asked the following: "Do your G.S.R.s have the right to speak and vote at your Area Committee meetings? Do your G.S.R.s have the right to speak and vote at your Area assemblies? Do your G.S.R.s vote only once a year to elect your Area officers (delegate, chairperson, treasurer, secretary, committee chairs or other)? Do you give your G.S.R.s the right to speak and vote on issues of importance to your Area directly at your Area meetings or assemblies?" In this way, I tried to obtain as much detailed information as possible on this subject. A reflection on the role of our G.S.R.s as the voice of their groups in our deliberations has been nurtured since the fall of 2024. It remains to be seen what you think.

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On this subject, I suggest you read our *A.A. Service Manual*, especially the introduction and the first four chapters, as this is in part the entire experience of our service structure, from the top of the inverted pyramid (the group) to the Area Assembly, and has been since 1951.

2) A brief reminder about CERAASA 2025

To register, visit the CERAASA website at CERAASA.ORG and obtain all the information. The site is available in three languages. For those who wish to do so, you can also contact me directly. My contact details appear at the bottom of this document. If you are planning to attend (the chartered bus has been cancelled), please also contact me directly. I will provide you with all the necessary information. The cost estimate for the event has been added to this document.

3) A.A. Vancouver 2025 International Convention

The A.A. Vancouver 2025 International Convention will be held from July 3 to 6, 2025.

The Vancouver 2025 Volunteer Committee is seeking at least 5,000 smiling, enthusiastic volunteers to welcome members from around the world. An English-only website (www.icvwc2025.org) has all the information you need about volunteering. Also visit aa.org for an abundance of information on the upcoming International Convention.

Volunteers wishing to participate in the Volunteer Committee can register and create their profile on the platform used for volunteer registrations (VolunteerHub) and schedules.

For information about the 2025 Convention, visit aa.org and also aa87.org where a tab on the AA International Convention contains information in all three languages for you to forward to your district members. You can also contact me at any time. My contact information appears at the bottom of this document.

Thank you immensely for your support of the 2025 International A.A. Convention and for your participation in an event that makes such a high-level spiritual experience possible for all of us.

Thank you for your effort, for your encouragement and thank you for your service.

Long live Alcoholics Anonymous!

Love & Service,

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CERAASA 2025 - Cost Estimate

Fixed Costs

A- Taxed accommodation, 2 nights	0377.00*
B- CERAASA Registration	0045.00**
C- Saturday Lunch Box	0035.00
D- Dinner organized by CERAASA	0055.00
E- Ice Cream Social	0015.00
Total:	0527.00

Meal Allocations

According to the Area Committee Guidelines

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday (2 X \$20)	0040.00
Lunch Saturday and Sunday (2 X \$30)	0060.00
Friday Dinner (1 X \$40)	0040.00
Total Cost for Meals - per person	0140.00

Note: Committee coordinators' expenses are assumed by their committees; DCM expenses are assumed by the districts; G.S.R. expenses are assumed by their groups; Steering Committee members' expenses are assumed by Area 87.

* For those who wish, you can reserve your room at the Delta Hotel in Dartmouth right now. Go to CERASAA.ORG, choose the language (English, French, Spanish) and you'll easily find the link to make your room reservation at the Delta Hotel in Dartmouth. Or call Delta Hotel in Dartmouth at (902) 468-8888 for more information.

** The CERAASA registration form can be found at aa87.org/CERASAA.

Transportation allowance

Each member of Area 87 who wishes to travel to Dartmouth on his or her own will be paid \$350, equivalent to the estimated cost of a seat on the bus that had been chartered but had to be cancelled. This amount is allocated to cover your transportation expenses to Dartmouth.

If a surplus remains after paying your transportation expenses, we encourage you to make a contribution to the Area with the surplus. The aim of paying for the transportation up to a maximum of \$350 by Area 87 is to encourage participation in this service event.