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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REFUNDS:

All refunds for the International Convention have been processed. If by chance you did not receive your refund, please contact me.

CHANGES TO NERASSA 2021

As announced last month, Area 60 will not be hosting NERASSA until 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. NERASSA 2021 will be a virtual event the last full weekend of February. It is being hosted by the Northeast Regional Delegates with Jeff B., Delegate from Northern New Jersey, Area 44 as chair.

I am serving as a member of the NERASSA Inventory Committee. The committee hopes to engage as many past attendees as possible in providing an inventory of how NERASSA is serving its purpose, and what can be done to improve the event.

AAWS HIGHLIGHTS

A few noteworthy items include continued work on the MY Portal registration system. I have also been informed that a task force has been seated to combat the problems. However at this point there is no firm resolution date on this issue.

Financial information indicates that contribution have gone up helping to relieve the financial down turn from the early part of the year. Thank you to all in Area 60 who stepped up!

The GSO office has seated a committee to work on re-entry into the their physical space on Riverside Dr. when released to do so by NY state.

GOOGLE ADWORDS

As I informed you in my General Service Conference Report in June there was an issue with reporting the Google Adwords Grant financially. According to Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP) GSO would have to report the \$10,000 a month in free clicks and bids from Google—offered to all non-profits—as a contribution. This was reported in an Adhoc report that was only released to the Finance Committee (which I served on) during the GSC.

With the guidance of the Officers and Coordinators, and in speaking with you it was decided that a strongly worded letter from AREA 60 would be sent to the Trustees in regard to this matter and a potential Traditions violation.

I did receive a response from Interim CFO Bob Wilcox explaining that the report should have not been released to our committee because all of the trustees had not see it yet. He also conveyed apologies from Trustee Treasurer Leslie Backus.

It was further decided at the Trustees July board weekend, that the they were going to move forward with Google Adwords even though the trustees committee had received quite a few very strongly worded requests from the fellowship to release the report and/or cease and desist. The trustees felt that the 2019 Conference Advisory Action to move forward with Adwords carried more weight than the current concerns.

The trustees appointed another committee to review the report and reiterated that if it was decided that Adwords reporting was not in line with the Traditions, it was an easy solution to just quit using it.

As your delegate this answer was received this with quite a bit of trepidation. Several calls have been made by the delegates for the report to be released to all of the Panel 69 and 70 delegates but so far there has been no response.

***As I was preparing to email this newsletter, I received correspondence from the NE Regional Trustee that Google AdWords was implemented today, 9/10/2020. My response is attached.**

BOARD WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

The Trustees met virtually July 31—Aug 31, 2018. Highlights from our NE Regional Trustee Francis G. include:

- It is likely that the General Service Conference April 18-24, 2021, will be virtual.
- Virtual Regional Forums will be held in December. More information should be forthcoming shortly. It has been recommended that all Regional Forums for 2021 be moved to a virtual platform. More will be disclosed.
- 2020 World Service Meeting which was cancelled will be held in late 2020 through teleconferencing.



THANK YOU FROM GSO

- A gratitude letter was received from GSO asking the Delegates to relate to our membership gratitude for stepping up the contributions after the initial slump during the pandemic.

Final figures are in for May, June and July, and the fellowship contributed: May \$800,000; June \$900,000; and for July contributions exceeded \$1.1 million dollars.

Please share this video with your districts and homegroups in gratitude to the fellowship:

<https://vimeopro.com/user112910871/love-and-service>

OTHER NEWS FROM GSO

- GSO has offered an early retirement package which was accepted by 6 employees in the defined benefit program. All will be retired by the end of September.
- In a cost saving measure until the end of the year: *Box 4-5-9, Sharing Behind the Walls, About AA, the GSB Quarterly Report, and the LIM Bulletin* will only be available at aa.org or in limited runs to save on both production and mailing costs.

AREA 60 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, August 16th—Third Quarterly Meeting via zoom.
- Sunday, September 20—Virtual Officers & Coordinators Meeting
- Sunday, October 18—Virtual Area Election Assembly

All GSR's and DCMS's are asked to make every effort to attend.

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- Sunday, November 8—Virtual Officers & Coordinators Meeting and PCAW Planning Meeting Sunday, December 6—Virtual Fourth Quarterly Meeting
- Sunday, December 13—Virtual Officers & Coordinators Meeting and PCAW Planning Meeting
- Thursday, December 31—Panel 69 Rotates Out and On with Best Wishes to Panel 71

Warmly in service,

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