



## **IV. Finance-EN**

General Service Conference - Conférence des Services généraux -  
Conferencia de Servicios Generales

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## 2025 Conference Committee on Finance

**ITEM A:** Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. *[Floor Action from the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference]*

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### **Background notes:**

*Excerpt from November 3, 2024, trustees' Finance Committee meeting report:*

The committee reviewed and **agreed to forward** to the 2025 Conference Committee on Finance the request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegate, in reports to their areas, place more emphasis on group support. Delegates should emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly to support services provided by the General Service Board.

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**2025 Conference Committee on Finance**

**ITEM B: Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.**

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**Background:**

- 1. History of Contribution Limits**
- 2. History of Additional and Max Contribution**
- 3. Yearly Conference Cost Spread Sheet**

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## HISTORY OF DELEGATE FEES

### Conference Area Delegate Fees

1969		\$150
1974	\$150	\$200
1978	\$200	\$300
1984	\$300	\$400
1989	\$400	\$600
1997	\$600	\$800
2005	\$800	\$1,200
2012	\$1,200	\$1,600
2017	\$1,600	\$1,800
2023	\$1,800	\$2,200

**Conference Area Delegate fees and additional Contributions**

	Additional Contributions Above Suggested Delegate Fee (\$2,200 in 2024)	Max Contribution (Estimated \$9,265 in 2024)
2024	63	2
2023	58	0
2022	65	14
2021	52	46
NOTE: 2021 Max Contribution was only \$400 because the Conference was virtual.		
2020	7	7
2019	38	12
2018	51	8
2017	52	11
2016	52	10
2015	43	12
2014	10	7

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CONFIDENTIAL: 75<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Background

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE EXPENSE HISTORY															
	UNAUDITED														
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	BROOKLYN	BROOKLYN	BROOKLYN	VIRTUAL	VIRTUAL	NYC	NYC	RYE, NY	NYC	NYC	RYE, NY	NYC	RYE, NY	NYC	RYE, NY
Delegate Contribution	\$2,200	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>Rooms:</b>															
Sleeping Rooms	\$355,737	\$401,962	\$329,302	\$3,225		\$356,753	\$315,975	\$209,034	\$307,287	\$324,995	\$220,808	\$298,441	\$218,263	\$234,481	\$209,406
Meeting Room Costs						\$10,065	\$10,615	\$10,000	\$10,065	\$10,065	\$10,000	\$10,065	\$5,547	\$8,540	\$7,000
Audio Visual/IT	\$185,844	\$203,621	\$144,435	\$56,721	\$4,500	\$108,616	\$114,535	\$26,334	\$62,852	\$47,241	\$22,215	\$24,152	\$18,996	\$30,318	\$16,696
<b>Meals:</b>															
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Break Refreshments	\$362,787	\$458,880	\$405,829	\$12,300		\$349,650	\$350,512	\$218,528	\$325,185	\$361,339	\$262,391	\$328,502	\$218,977	\$319,343	\$215,859
<b>Total Hotel Expense</b>	<u>\$904,368</u>	<u>\$1,064,463</u>	<u>\$879,566</u>	<u>\$72,246</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$825,083</u>	<u>\$791,637</u>	<u>\$463,896</u>	<u>\$705,389</u>	<u>\$743,640</u>	<u>\$515,414</u>	<u>\$661,160</u>	<u>\$461,783</u>	<u>\$592,682</u>	<u>\$448,961</u>
<b>Other Expenses:</b>															
Delegate Travel	\$110,181	\$98,951	\$102,124		\$10,511	\$73,551	\$74,902	\$77,031	\$68,015	\$62,638	\$75,095	\$66,830	\$73,997	\$62,257	\$49,543
Final Conference Report	\$78,909	\$64,050	\$55,487	\$43,323	\$61,446	\$104,424	\$84,886	\$104,029	\$89,091	\$119,038	\$94,090	\$90,658	\$96,923	\$104,729	\$120,147
Printing, Postage, and Supplies	\$11,367	\$26,967	\$42,045	\$16,711	\$5,085	\$1,956	\$5,814	\$6,375	\$7,003	\$8,331	\$6,954	\$8,522	\$10,341	\$3,479	\$4,005
Clerical Overtime		\$8,278	\$9,262	\$9,964	\$11,751	\$11,242	\$17,032	\$22,313	\$16,320	\$13,156	\$10,244	\$9,467	\$9,689	\$7,726	\$8,945
Conference Calls/Miscellaneous		\$107	\$8,768	\$18,154	\$12,295	\$15,574	\$17,924	\$20,980	\$14,922	\$27,317	\$16,816	\$13,673	\$18,625	\$14,993	\$5,874
Simultaneous Interpretation	\$27,064	\$20,525	\$20,441	\$28,880	\$5,500	\$16,300	\$15,070	\$10,548	\$11,903	\$18,999	\$27,100	\$17,640	\$17,450	\$18,120	\$18,480
Conference Translation						\$15,713	\$19,857	\$27,035	\$56,307	\$42,113					\$2,938
Background Translation	\$116,274	\$126,659	\$100,355	\$86,060	\$64,666	\$46,492	\$62,589								
Stepping Stones Trip	\$2,013				\$550		\$8,000		\$5,900		\$4,810				
G.S.O. Trip						\$550									
AAWS and AAGV publications sent to Conference members				\$3,290											
Electronic Voting	\$9,900	\$3,000	\$6,250		\$2,254										
Committee Assignment Software			\$495	\$3,000											
<b>Sub-total other expenses</b>	<u>\$355,708</u>	<u>\$348,537</u>	<u>\$345,226</u>	<u>\$209,383</u>	<u>\$174,058</u>	<u>\$285,802</u>	<u>\$306,074</u>	<u>\$260,549</u>	<u>\$269,461</u>	<u>\$291,592</u>	<u>\$235,109</u>	<u>\$206,790</u>	<u>\$227,025</u>	<u>\$211,304</u>	<u>\$209,932</u>
<b>Total Direct Expenses:</b>	<u>\$1,260,075</u>	<u>\$1,413,000</u>	<u>\$1,224,792</u>	<u>\$281,628</u>	<u>\$178,558</u>	<u>\$1,110,885</u>	<u>\$1,097,711</u>	<u>\$724,445</u>	<u>\$974,850</u>	<u>\$1,035,232</u>	<u>\$750,523</u>	<u>\$867,950</u>	<u>\$688,808</u>	<u>\$803,986</u>	<u>\$658,893</u>
Less Delegate Expense Contributions	(\$205,230)	(\$163,800)	(\$162,000)	(\$165,206)	(\$167,400)	(\$167,400)	(\$170,790)	(\$147,200)	(\$147,200)	(\$148,800)	(\$148,800)	(\$148,800)	(\$111,600)	(\$111,600)	(\$111,620)
Less Area Contributions	(\$240,746)	(\$219,186)	(\$151,225)	(\$68,759)	(\$103,946)	(\$190,180)	(\$175,653)	(\$146,258)	(\$166,046)	(\$132,657)	(\$98,999)	(\$139,931)	(\$116,568)	(\$132,004)	(\$119,284)
<b>Net Direct Expenses</b>	<u>\$814,099</u>	<u>\$1,030,014</u>	<u>\$911,568</u>	<u>\$47,664</u>	<u>(\$92,788)</u>	<u>\$753,305</u>	<u>\$751,268</u>	<u>\$430,987</u>	<u>\$661,604</u>	<u>\$753,775</u>	<u>\$502,724</u>	<u>\$579,219</u>	<u>\$460,640</u>	<u>\$560,382</u>	<u>\$427,989</u>
Net Direct Expense Difference from Prior Year	(\$215,915)	\$118,446	\$863,904	\$140,452	(\$846,093)	\$2,038	\$320,281	(\$230,617)	(\$92,171)	\$251,051	(\$76,495)	\$118,579	(\$99,742)	\$132,393	
Cost per voting Conference member	\$9,265	\$10,467	\$9,279	\$2,134	\$1,353	\$8,416	\$8,316	\$5,488	\$7,385	\$7,843	\$5,686	\$6,575	\$5,218	\$6,091	\$4,992

Notes:

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## 2025 Conference Committee on Finance

**ITEM C: Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.**

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### **Background:**

1. History of Bequest Limits
2. History of Maximum Contributions

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HISTORY OF CONTRIBUTION BEQUESTS LIMITS

Bequest Contribution Limits

1967	\$100	\$200
1972	\$200	\$300
1979	\$300	\$500
1986	\$500	\$1,000
1999	\$1,000	\$2,000
2007	\$2,000	\$3,000
2012	\$3,000	\$5,000
2019	\$5,000	\$10,000

**Maximum Contributions**

	<u>Bequest</u>
2024	9
2023	6
2022	14
2021	10
2020	7
2019	Year we went live on NetSuite - Data N/A
2018	7
2017	6
2016	10
2015	4
2014	1

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**2025 Conference Committee on Finance**

**ITEM D: Review the Conference-approved level of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.**

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**Background:**

1. History of Contribution Limits
2. History of Maximum Contributions

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**HISTORY OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

Individual Contribution Limits

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1972	\$200	\$300
1979	\$300	\$500
1986	\$500	\$1,000
1999	\$1,000	\$2,000
2007	\$2,000	\$3,000
2018	\$3,000	\$5,000
2024	\$5,000	\$7,500

**Maximum Contributions**

	<u>Individual</u>
2024	7
2023	66
2022	60
2021	53
2020	72
2019	Year we went live on NetSuite - Data N/A
2018	7
2017	60
2016	39
2015	43
2014	21

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**2025 Conference Committee on Finance**

**ITEM E:** Review Self-Support Packet.

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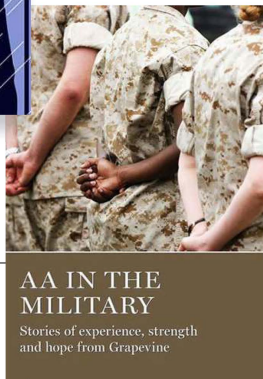
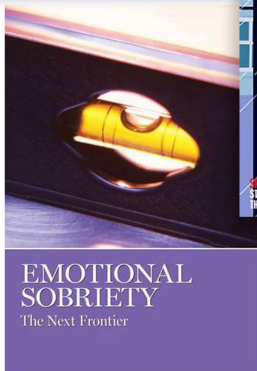
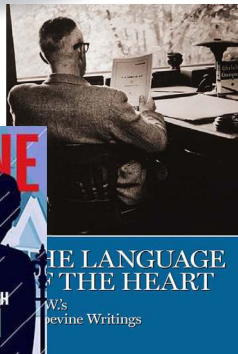
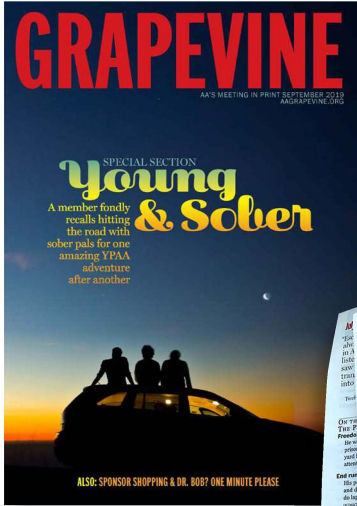
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## 2025 Conference Committee on Finance

**ITEM F:** Consider a request to remove the phrase, “A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all” from page 10 in *The A.A. Service Manual*.

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### **Background Note:**

*Excerpt from the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee November 2, 2024, meeting report:*

The committee reviewed a request to remove the phrase, “A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all” from page 10 in *The A.A. Service Manual* and **agreed to forward** to the 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.

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### **Background:**

1. PAI 72

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**(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**

Eliminar el ultimo enunciado de la pagina 10 de nuestro Manual De Servicio en ingles y en español sobre los Reportes del RSG. "El grupo también puede decidir no recibir informes del RSG" .

Delete or erase the last sentence on page 10 of our Service Manual in English and Spanish regarding RSG Reports. "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all."

**(2) What problem does this proposed item address?**

Creemos que no es necesario esta sugerencia porque le da oportunidad al grupo de negarle su derecho de participación (Concepto 3) al RSG para lo cual fue elegido, ademas puede desalentar el interés al RSG por los s\Servicios Generales, por otra parte la función principal de todo comité y servidor es informar. Para eso fue creado el programa de AA, para informar.

We believe that this suggestion is not necessary because it gives the group the opportunity to deny the GSR the right to participate (Concept 3) for which it was elected, and it may also discourage the GSR's interest in General Service. On the other hand, the main function of every committee and server is to inform. That is why the AA program was created, to inform.

**(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).**

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a

broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

El punto fue llevado por un RSG del Distrito 25 y se aprobó por unanimidad a nivel Distrito en una junta de negocios.

The item was brought forward by a GSR from District 25 and passed unanimously at a District business meeting.

**(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:**

Concepto 3 y la moción que llevo por escrito el RSG.  
Concept 3 and the motion that the RSG has submitted in writing.

**(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?**

Eliminar el ultimo enunciado de la pagina 10 de nuestro Manual De Servicio en ingles y en español sobre los Reportes del RSG. "El grupo también puede decidir no recibir informes del RSG" .  
Delete or erase the last sentence on page 10 of our Service Manual in English and Spanish regarding RSG Reports. "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all."

**(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.**

[Redacted contact information]

**(7) Final comments:**

Muchas gracias por atender este asunto, saludos cordiales.

Thank you very much for addressing this matter, best regards. Muchas gracias por atender este asunto, saludos cordiales.

Thank you very much for addressing this matter, best regards.