

Makeup of the 2012 General Service Conference

There are 133 voting members of the 62nd General Service Conference Annual Meeting.

Ninety-three delegates elected by the service areas of the U.S. and Canada comprise 69.9 percent of the voting body. Delegates always make up more than two-thirds of the voting members.

General Service Board of Trustees and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (AAW.S.) and Grapevine directors, totaling 25, comprise 18.8 percent of the voting members.

The General Service Office staff, general manager and Grapevine office staff and the Grapevine executive editor totaling 15, comprise 11.3 percent of the total.

The structure of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous consists of twenty-one trustee members. Originally, the majority of trustees were nonalcoholic, but now only seven, known as Class A trustees, are nonalcoholic. Class A trustees bring to the Board special expertise in areas such as business, medicine, and law, and may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms.

The fourteen alcoholic (Class B) trustees serve four-year terms. Eight are elected to serve regions of the U.S. and Canada. Two are elected as trustees-at-large, one from the U.S. and one for Canada. The remaining four general service trustees are selected based on their expertise in areas of finance, publishing, or other fields that would be helpful to the General Service Board and its corporate boards. Two general service trustees serve on the AAW.S. Board, and two serve on the Grapevine Board.

The A.A.W.S. Board oversees the publishing activities of Alcoholics Anonymous (except for Grapevine material) and the General Service Office. This board is composed of nine directors: two regional trustees, two general service trustees, three non-trustee directors, the general manager of G.S.O. and the G.S.O. staff coordinator.

The Grapevine Board oversees the operation of the AA Grapevine, and is composed of seven members, including one Class A trustee, two general service trustees, two regional trustees, one non-trustee director and Grapevine executive editor.