

WHAT DOES IT COST A PERSON TO BE DELEGATE?

“FULLY FUNDING THE DELEGATE”

PAST DELEGATE'S POLL

Delegates and all other voting members are fully funded the week of the Conference by GSO and the money from the groups. Travel is reimbursed before the Conference. Lodging is paid at the end of the Conference. Two meals a day are provided and cash is provided to be used as the Delegate sees fit. In NYC no problem with finding additional meals, snacks or sodas. In Rye the only thing available was the Hotel which was pricey. Took me few days to find snacks and sodas graciously supplied by other Delegates in attendance. Also care packages from home helped. So I probably spent about \$50 in Rye and had money left in NYC. Time and talent are the primary things that are required. I averaged 18 hour days with approximately 6 hours of sleep a night.

MISCONCEPTION OF FULLY FUNDING THE DELEGATE

Problem/Issue:

- Newcomers to Area Assembly, upon hearing the phrase “Fully Funding the Delegate”, can mistakenly think that the Delegate may get stuck paying for expenses related to representing the Area each year in New York at the General Service Conference, if the Area does not approve funds for that.
- Recently, there seems to be some that believe that “Fully Funding the Delegate” is a priority expense used to justify not spending Area Funds on new and existing expenses. This is contrary to the tone of the letter from GSO.
- Also counter to Group intentions who send money directly to GSO, of which a significant portion is used for the conference (lately over \$1 million).

DEFINITION: FULLY FUNDING THE DELEGATE

Relates directly to the motion the Assembly passed in 2001, which refers to the offset between the \$1800 which is the current required fee and the actual per conference member expenses calculated by GSO. This direct cost includes not only the venue cost, but the average travel and lodging expense per conference member.

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PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR AREA FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 2020

Dear Panel 69 and 70 Delegates,

This letter is to welcome you to the 70th General Service Conference. You are one of fewer than 3,600 people who, over the years, have been given the opportunity to be part of the history of A.A. by attending a General Service Conference as a trusted servant of the Fellowship. As you know, the 70th General Service Conference will be held at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, NY from Sunday morning, April 19, 2020, through Saturday, April 25, 2020.

The following Advisory Action of the 2017 General Service Conference established the current Conference fee of \$1,800 per area: "The annual delegate's contribution be increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800."

Additionally, Areas are encouraged to consider making voluntary contributions in addition to the \$1,800 fee in order to help cover Conference costs. We currently estimate that the final direct cost of the previous Conference (2019) will be approximately \$1,140,000, which equals approximately \$8,400 per Conference member. We recognize that each area will need to consider its own needs and resources in deciding whether and in what amount such a contribution will be made. We appreciate all voluntary contributions of any amount. During 2019 (through October 31, 2019), we have received approximately \$358,000 in Area Contributions and Additional Contributions toward the 2019 Conference compared with \$346,443 for the year 2018.

In accordance with Conference policy, payment of the \$1,800 (U.S. dollars) for the 2020 Conference is due by March 1, 2020. Additional voluntary contributions may be made at any time. Please make checks payable to "General Service Board" (include in the memo section: 2020 delegate fee) and mail to:

General Service Conference
General Service Office
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

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In the spirit of self-support, many areas inquire as to the direct cost of participation at the General Service Conference. The following represents the approximate cost per Conference member:

2019: Estimated \$8,400 (in Manhattan)
2018: \$8,100 (in Manhattan)
2017: \$5,500 (Rye Brook)
2016: \$7,400 (in Manhattan)
2015: \$7,800 (in Manhattan)
2014: \$5,800 (in Rye Brook)
2013: \$6,800 (in Manhattan)

Many thanks for your kind cooperation and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Slotterback
Chief Financial Officer
General Service Office

SOLUTION

Finance Committee Purpose: We study and review the needs of the Assembly as a whole, as they relate to income and expense; with an aim to insure a healthy, but practical Area financial status that honors the intent of the Seventh Tradition of self- report.

THE SOLUTION CONTINUED..

Oct 2001 – The Assembly voted to evaluate funds at the end of the year and send additional funds accordingly.

Oct 2018 – The Assembly decided that this process did not need to be an all or nothing transaction. The Finance Committee was then charged with making a determination of the amount of additional funds to be sent to GSO annually. Page 8 section(5) of the Policy and Procedures Manual.

THE PURPOSE OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY

The Area Assembly is specifically charged with the duty of electing a Delegate to the General Service Conference and to give the Delegate financial support to assist him or her in the course of the duties of the office.

HISTORICAL DATA

General Service Conference

YEAR	GSC FEE	Cost per Attendee	Add'l Area Contributions	Extra Area 67 GSC Contribution	Delegate Budget	Delegate Actual	Delegate % of Total Expense	Location	Panel	Delegate
2007	\$ 1,200			\$ 3,300	\$ 5,951	\$ 3,338	22%		57	Gus H
2008	\$ 1,200			\$ 3,700	\$ 5,563	\$ 4,813	26%		57	
2009	\$ 1,200			\$ 4,000	\$ 5,328	\$ 3,380	27%	Manhattan	59	Betsy G
2010	\$ 1,200	\$ 5,000		\$ 4,600	\$ 4,176	\$ 4,805	26%	Rye Brook	59	
2011	\$ 1,200	\$ 6,000		\$ -	\$ 5,459	\$ 5,790	13%	Manhattan	61	Deborah D
2012	\$ 1,200	\$ 5,400	\$ 228,200	\$ -	\$ 5,725	\$ 4,419	10%	Rye Brook	61	
2013	\$ 1,600	\$ 6,800	\$ 268,000	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,163	21%	Manhattan	63	Patrick C
2014	\$ 1,600	\$ 5,800		\$ 5,300	\$ 4,965	\$ 4,707	20%	Rye Brook	63	
2015	\$ 1,600	\$ 7,800		\$ 5,800	\$ 5,780	\$ 6,256	23%	Manhattan	65	Melissa R
2016	\$ 1,600	\$ 7,400		\$ 1,600	\$ 5,495	\$ 3,973	12%	Manhattan	65	
2017	\$ 1,600	\$ 5,500	\$ 293,458	\$ -	\$ 5,780	\$ 4,538	11%	Rye Brook	67	Ronald C
2018	\$ 1,800	\$ 8,100	\$ 346,443	\$ -	\$ 6,090	\$ 4,899	13%	Manhattan	67	
2019	\$ 1,800	\$ 8,400	\$ 358,000	\$ 5,260	\$ 5,080	\$ 1,554	17%	Manhattan	69	Troy B-D
2020	\$ 1,800							Rye Brook	69	

DELEGATE'S BUDGET WORKSHEET

2021 Budget Worksheet DELEGATE	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Lodging:												
3 Quarterly Assemblies	\$265	263.25	\$290	368.45	\$290	280.80	\$290	561.60	\$290		\$290	\$320
1 Annual Convention	\$250	269.10	\$270	538.20	\$270	231.66	\$270	484.28	\$270		\$270	\$300
SWRAASA / Forum	\$165	274.56	\$230		\$230	324.56	\$340	314.42	\$270		\$270	\$250
SWRDA	\$165	148.04	\$165	248.26	\$240	173.34	\$240	173.31	\$240		\$240	\$240
GSC Extra Night	\$500	319.00	\$500	309.00	\$500		\$500		\$500		\$500	\$500
State Convention	\$200	282.72	\$250		\$250	250.00	\$250	227.70	\$150		\$250	\$250
Subtotal:	\$1,545	1,556.67	\$1,705	1,463.91	\$1,780	1,260.36	\$1,890	1,761.31	\$1,720	0.00	\$ 1,820	\$1,860
Travel:												
SWRAASA / Forum	\$280	337.00	\$400	472.20	\$200	124.80	\$450	489.40	\$20		\$400	\$450
SWRDA	\$280	336.70	\$280	361.97	\$330	532.88	\$330	329.96	\$330		\$330	\$450
State Convention	\$285	234.70	\$285		\$285		\$285		\$20		\$220	\$300
Mileage	\$900	985.70	\$900	368.45	\$950	522.00	\$950	734.10	\$950		\$950	\$950
Subtotal:	\$1,745	1,894.10	\$1,865	1,202.62	\$1,765	1,179.68	\$2,015	1,553.46	\$1,320		\$1,900	\$2,150
Expenses:												
Literature	\$100	572.24	\$100	92.18	\$400	747.45	\$450	1,045.40	\$500			\$0
Postage	\$75	50.50	\$75	77.40	\$125		\$25		\$30			\$0
Printing	\$1,300	1,894.00	\$1,500	870.00	\$1,500	1,181.23	\$1,500	538.91	\$1,300		\$1,300	\$1,000
Registration	\$50	60.00	\$50	67.00	\$60	32.00	\$60		\$60		\$60	\$60
Supplies	\$150	150.00	\$200	96.69	\$150	137.66	\$150		\$150		\$150	
Subtotal:	\$1,675	2,727	\$1,925	1,203.27	\$2,235	2,098.34	\$2,185	1,584.31	\$2,040		\$1,510	\$1,060
Total:	\$4,965	6,178	\$5,495	3,869.80	\$5,780	4,538.38	\$6,090	4,899.08	\$5,080	1554.09	\$5,230	\$5,070
GSC Expenses:		7,478.91		1,600.00			\$1,800		\$1,800		\$1,800	\$1,800

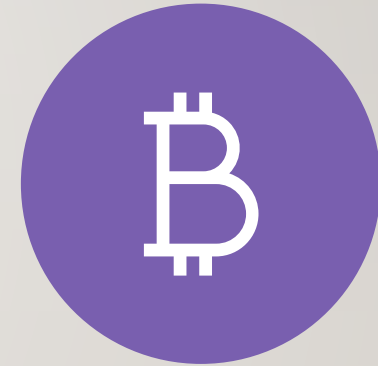
FREQUENTLY ASKED



DOES THE DELEGATE PAY HIS OWN
AIR FAIR/EXPENSES? **NO**



WHY HOLD THE GENERAL SERVICE
CONFERENCE IN MANHATTEN?



WHY DON'T WE BUDGET AND PAY
THE FULL AMOUNT TO FULLY FUND
THE DELEGATE TO THE CONFERENCE
UPFRONT?