

# DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER



UNITY

RECOVERY

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## WHAT'S NEXT

As I am sitting here thinking about what to write the article about it seems like it happens every month and I guess that is the purity of it. I usually write an article on what is on my mind so this month is "What is next in my walk". I did not stand for any position in SETA in the past elections because I did not believe I would have the time due to personal responsibilities. I was thinking of standing for the intergroup liaison just because I started to think how intergroup could help the area by putting on workshops that would be hybrid and possible with the technology in Google Meet, it could be translated on the fly. So, we could have workshops that not only could reach the whole area, but also reach across the language barrier. I have learned in this program that God likes to drop a few notions my way and then drop a person or two that will help me move in the direction He wants me to go. So, I had a friend talk to me about the board at Intergroup and she said there are few positions open and I should look into it. It was good to see our D40 reps there at the meeting and I will serve on the board with one of them in this next rotation.

So, start thinking of the workshops you might want to attend. I am thinking of a lot and my delusions of grandeur will have to be voted on by the board but we will see. I hope that districts and groups will have ideas and might want to co-host some of these. Like service, I think one on general group level service, then one on district, and then area. Not everyone is ready for service but they should see what is about to make their own opinion and not have contempt prior to investigation. I am biased on this because of what I have gotten out of service in AA and want to share it with everyone in the program. I always want more out of this program and to grow into His likeness. It is like my life is on a path from "A" to "Z" and it started at birth and somewhere around "D" I fell into a pit called alcoholism. When I used the steps to get out of the pit, is where my journey started. Once, the obsession was removed I could start working on the real problem, me. I need to keep growing, reenter society, and become a functioning member of life. So, I am on the path heading towards "Z" trying to use all these principles in my life and relying on Step 3 more and more every day.

**Doug D. – DCM District 40**

## STEP 11

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

## TRADITION 11

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

## CONCEPT 11

"While the Trustees hold final responsibility for AA's World Service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern."

## DISTRICT 40 AT A GLANCE



**District 40** of the Southeast Texas Area is a territory bounded on the **North** by US Hwy 290, on the **South** by Westheimer Rd., on the **East** by Loop 610, and on the **West** by SH 36.

## SOBRIETY IN THE INFORMATION AGE

### DO SOBRIETY APPS CLASH WITH AA'S PRINCIPLES?

As someone who's explored both sobriety apps and the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), I've noticed a distinct clash between these two approaches to recovery. While sobriety apps offer convenience and accessibility, I've found that their modern, tech-driven approach often conflicts with the heart of AA's philosophy, which is deeply rooted in personal connection, spirituality, and anonymity.

One of the biggest tensions I've experienced is around **anonymity**. In AA, anonymity is sacred; it's about protecting the privacy of each member and creating a safe, confidential space to share openly. When I use sobriety apps, however, I can't shake the feeling that I'm giving up some of that privacy. Even though many apps allow anonymous profiles, they still exist in the digital space, and I wonder how secure my data really is. There's a certain vulnerability in sharing personal progress and struggles online that just doesn't feel the same as the confidential intimacy of an AA meeting.

Another area where I feel a disconnect is **spirituality**. AA's focus on a higher power as a central part of recovery resonates with me because it's about acknowledging that I can't do this alone—I need something greater to guide me. On the other hand, most sobriety apps seem more focused on tracking habits and managing behavior, often in a secular way. While this approach can be helpful, it lacks the deeper spiritual grounding that I've found essential in my journey.

Lastly, what I miss most in sobriety apps is the **human interaction**. The community and emotional support I get from AA meetings—those real conversations with people who understand what I'm going through—just can't be replicated through an app. While sobriety apps provide a form of virtual support, they feel impersonal to me, like they're missing that genuine connection I find so crucial in recovery.

In the end, while sobriety apps have their benefits, I've come to realize that their focus on technology and self-monitoring doesn't align with the core principles that have made AA such a lifeline for me. For me, recovery is about connection, spirituality, and trust—things that are hard to capture through a screen.

**Beymar R. - Newsletter Editor – District 40**

# DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location:**

COTHA Church, 1225 W. Grand Parkway, Katy, Tx. Rm. 115

Google Meet

**Mailing Address:**

District 40  
PO Box 79119  
Houston, Tx. 77279-9119

<https://meet.google.com/scf-xndv-uoe>

[doug.d@aa-seta.org](mailto:doug.d@aa-seta.org) DCM  
[mike.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:mike.b@aa-seta.org) Alt. DCM  
[theresa.s@aa-seta.org](mailto:theresa.s@aa-seta.org) Secretary  
[ronnie.h@aa-seta.org](mailto:ronnie.h@aa-seta.org) Treasurer

**Date:** September 10, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Attendees:** 15 online, 10 in person

**Call to Order** – 7:06 pm, Doug D.

**Serenity prayer-** Doug

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Theresa S., (Alt. Tracey C.) accepted as amended

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Ronnie H, (Alt. Amanda L.)

#### DCM Report

The area assembly is broken into 2 sections:

- SETA Assembly, Sep 28 Committee Meeting, online-only, agenda in attachments
- SETA Assembly, Oct (Elections) HYBRID, San Jacinto College North

Check your email for the agenda if you have not received them, you can send a separate email to me and I can forward them to you. The one in October will be the elections. You will see a small part of this here but I believe it would do you good to see it in a larger format. This is the only place you can see third legacy voting in practice. We will finish the voting tonight and try to complete the rest of the meeting before time runs out.

So lets get going.

Doug D

#### ALT. DCM Report

District 40, as always, please let me know how I can help you and your groups carry out our primary purpose.

Tradition’s Dinner: One word: Success! Mainly because you made it so! Thank you to all who contributed, financially, physically and especially spiritually. I got a lot of feedback on how good the food was. Some opted for dessert first, but I’m not judging. The speakers were amazing! Jack and Judy both gave great talks, and the question-and-answer session at the end was informative. A big thank you to the committees that showed up and set up some tables in the entry. Here are the numbers.

68 - Manual Sign in

34 - QR Sign in

102 – Total

I can only count those that chose to sign in, so it may have been more than this. Either way, it was a great turnout, especially since we were scheduled at the same time as District 90's conference.

We collected \$734.06 in contributions, \$259.00 of that was collected at the dinner from the bucket or baskets. The rest was group and individual contributions. The Four Horsemen Group, Primary Purpose Group-Spiritus Contra Spiritum and The Memorial Going Home Group all contributed directly. Y'all are amazing! Hope to see you all at next year's dinner!

The District Inventory Ad Hoc Implementation & Planning Committee has not been put together or scheduled. This committee will be involved in helping to plan and implement all the considerations from the D40 Inventory. Please come see me or Doug if you would like to be involved in this. This is your District, and these were your considerations, let us know if you want to help get them implemented. D40 Workshops: Part of what came out of those considerations was for District 40 to do workshops. These will be held quarterly, and we were supposed to have one July 17th. I was not able to secure a speaker for this, so I pushed this to October 20th. This was originally going to be October 13th, but that is the weekend of SWRAASA. Our online group, The 4 Horseman, will host this one. More to come! Election time! Please consider standing for something. If you're already a GSR or Alt-GSR for your homegroup, consider that as a priority, and bring someone from your homegroup that might be interested in serving on a committee and representing their homegroup and District at the Area level. Even better, let them know of the District positions that are available that serve the District directly, ie Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, etc. We're hoping most or all the positions will be filled tonight, but there is a chance that some will be available. So, take note and bring those back to your homegroup. We would love to have your participation. Through love and service, Mike

### **District 40 Elections: District Positions**

**District officers** (Third legacy if more than 1 stand)

- (DCM) District Committee Member
  - **Mike B**
- (Alt. DCM) Alternate District Committee Member
  - **Juan Carlos R.**
- Secretary
  - Alt. Secretary
- Treasurer
  - **Dawson P.**
- Alt. Treasurer

**District Representatives to the Area Standing Committees** (Simple Majority of the total votes cast)

- Archives Representative
  - **Joyce G.**
- (CPC) Cooperation with the Professional Community Representative
- (CFC) Correctional Facilities Committee Representative
- Grapevine Representative
- (IT) Information Technology Representative
- Intergroup Liaison
- Literature Representative
  - **Caitlan B.**
- Newsletter Editor
  - **Beymar R.**

- (PI) Public Information Representative
- (TFC) Treatment Facilities Committee Representative
  - **Robert L**

**GSR Section** – Depends on time left after elections

**New GSR** – Introductions, tell us about your home group

David from Wild West Group – complaint from a group member who thought the speakers did not convey the historical message of the Traditions Dinner.

Tammy R. said the Events Coordinator from her Home Group might be accepting outside contributions for an event. DCM and ALT. DCM said that would be against traditions. Tammy said she needed more clarification. Fernando said if a person wants to arrange events without representation of the group that is fine. In the past they would do this in coordination with the club because they have the freedom to do it.

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Archives Rep: Open**

**CFC Rep: Open**

**CPC Rep: Open**

**Grapevine Rep: Open**

**IT Rep: Open**

**Houston Intergroup Liaison: Fernando B**

The August Delegate’s Meeting held on August 15th, 2024.

Bookstore

- Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

- 5% Discount on Case purchases for AAWS Literature when place in person or by phone.

The Link Newsletter

August newsletter distributed the 1st week in August.

- August 2024 Link Report ( as of 8/13/24)

- Sent Emails : 11,022

- Opened : 3,870

Meeting Changes

- Can be made online or by emailing.

- As of August 2024

- Meetings : 1898

- Locations : 292

- Groups : 542

Phone Calls

- Calls have gone up in July (1024) compared to June (948).

Sales Charts

- Desire Chips : July (862)

- 1 Year Chips : July (126)

- Big Book All Formats : July (503)

- Please check with treasurer to see if the contributions that Intergroup has matches what it is reported in your respective group’s financials. If you don’t have a rep, please check with me and I will send you the information.

News-

There are Four (4) openings for Trustees on the Houston Intergroup Board. Trustees serve a 3-year commitment. The term begins January 1, 2025, and ends December 31, 2027. If interested or know someone who is interested have them reach out to the Houston Intergroup. Delegates will vote at the October 17, 2024, Delegates Meeting.



Events

Young People in AA's Presentation

September 22, 2024

1pm to 3pm

In Person and Online

**Literature Rep: Carol F.-**

The Plain Language Big Book, a tool for understanding the basic text of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is scheduled to be available for purchase Nov. 1. A flyer is attached.

The Area 67 Literature Committee will present a workshop 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, hosted by the Rose Rich Group, 925 TX-10 Spur between Hwy 36 and Hwy 90 in east Rosenberg. The Topic for the workshop is "The Conference Connection," on how members and groups are connected to the larger AA service structure and the process for proposing an idea to be considered by the General Service Conference.

The workshop will include informative and entertaining activities and discussions and LUNCH! The flyer is attached. All are welcome.

The Area 67 Literature Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month on Google meets. All are welcome. For information, contact District 40 Literature Rep Carol F., at [carol.f@aa-seta.org](mailto:carol.f@aa-seta.org) or 214-601-0088.

**Newsletter Editor:** Beymar R. send in your articles before the end of the month.

**PI Public Information): OPEN**

**TFC Rep: Open**

**New Business**

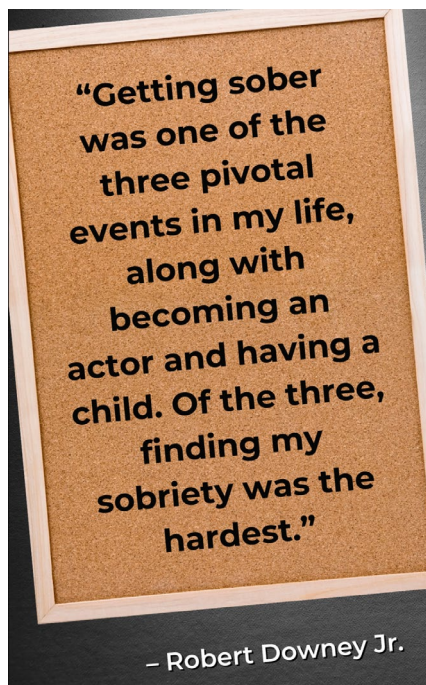
SWRAASA is October 11-13 in Richardson, Tx.

The new DCM and Alt. DCM will be attending as well as Tammy R. and Joyce G.

The International Convention Registration is now open. See the flyer in Doug's email.

**Responsibility STATEMENT: All Together**

**ADJOURN: 8:38pm**





SETA DISTRICT 40 --- EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR 2024														
	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM	\$ 925	\$ 342.70												\$ 342.70
Alt. DCM	\$ 900			\$ 110.44										\$ 110.44
Secretary / Copying	\$ 150													\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 75					\$ 13.60								\$ 13.60
Newsletter	\$ 100													\$ -
PO Box	\$ 175					\$ 170.00								\$ 170.00
Literature Committee	\$ 175								\$ 103.95					\$ 103.95
PI	\$ 50													\$ -
Grapevine	\$ 50													\$ -
CFC	\$ 50													\$ -
TFC	\$ 75													\$ -
Archives Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
IT Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
Storage Unit Rent	\$ 432	\$ 66.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 79.90	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 431.90
Monthly Meeting Rent	\$ 360	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00				\$ 240.00
Intergroup 2023 Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
SETA 2023 Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
GSO 2023 Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -													\$ -
Fellowship Fest	\$ -													\$ -
Traditions Dinner	\$ 3,500				\$ 300.00			\$ 882.50	\$ 2,357.21					\$ 3,539.71
Service Workshop	\$ 400													\$ -
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ 2,800													\$ -
The Forum (Odd Years)	\$ -													\$ -
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ -													\$ -
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -													\$ -
SETA 2025 Hospitality Suite - District 40	\$ 300													\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 10,617	\$ 438.70	\$ 46.00	\$ 170.44	\$ 360.00	\$ 243.60	\$ 60.00	\$ 962.40	\$ 2,521.16	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 4,952.30

SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024													
District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group			\$ 75.00			\$ 75.00							\$ 150.00
Bear Creek Fellowship	\$ 80.00						\$ 251.68						\$ 331.68
Beginners Group													\$ -
Broad Highway Group	\$ 5.60			\$ 4.50									\$ 10.10
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group													\$ -
Central Tuesday Night Step Study Group						\$ 47.00	\$ 39.00						\$ 86.00
Chapelwood Tues 8pm													\$ -
Colors of Change Group													\$ -
Copperfield Willingness Group													\$ -
Daily Reflections Group													\$ -
Deep Dive Big Book Study	\$ 143.00							\$ 90.00					\$ 233.00
Drifter's Group		\$ 68.00											\$ 68.00
Everything is "Alright Already"													\$ -
First Light Group			\$ 80.75		\$ 157.00			\$ 148.00					\$ 385.75
Four Horsemen Group													\$ -
Fourth Promise Group													\$ -
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$ 50.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 150.00					\$ 500.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													\$ -
Fry Road Group					\$ 120.00			\$ 115.00					\$ 235.00
Fulshear Group				\$ 78.00									\$ 78.00
God Meeting Group													\$ -
Good Morning Open Book Study Group													\$ -
Hay Una Solucion						\$ 50.00							\$ 50.00
High Hopes													\$ -
Hockley Group													\$ -
Houston Young People													\$ -
Journey Group													\$ -
Just For Today			\$ 20.67			\$ 11.58		\$ 12.48					\$ 44.73
Just The Black Print Group													\$ -
Katy 12 & 12	\$ 59.28	\$ 63.09	\$ 83.11	\$ 83.92	\$ 82.83	\$ 78.50	\$ 78.50	\$ 145.95					\$ 675.18
Katy 164 Group	\$ 50.00						\$ 34.00						\$ 84.00
Katy Big Book													\$ -
Katy Crossroads Group				\$ 40.00				\$ 30.00	\$ 80.00				\$ 150.00
Katy Keystone Group													\$ -
Katy Primary Purpose Group													\$ -
Kingsland Group													\$ -
Living Now Group													\$ -
Memorial Going Home Group	\$ 104.85			\$ 88.00			\$ 138.30						\$ 331.15
Memorial West Group													\$ -
Monaville Group													\$ -
Monday Night Men's Supper/Step Study													\$ -
New Beginnings Group													\$ -
New Oxford Group													\$ -
Outpost Group (Men's)			\$ 250.00										\$ 250.00
Peek Road Group													\$ -
Primary Purpose Group - SGS													\$ -
Rooted in Love Group													\$ -
Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$ 69.00			\$ 73.00			\$ 98.00						\$ 240.00
Rule 62 Group	\$ 49.44			\$ 46.45			\$ 55.00						\$ 150.89
Sage-Piney Point													\$ -
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday	\$ 23.39				\$ 24.50		\$ 15.27						\$ 63.16
Saturday Solutions Group								\$ 121.92					\$ 121.92
Simply AA													\$ -
Sisters in Serenity	\$ 6.51			\$ 16.00									\$ 22.51
Sisters in Sobriety Texas		\$ 88.44	\$ 92.87	\$ 230.43	\$ 76.80		\$ 225.65	\$ 224.22					\$ 938.41
Sober in Brookshire													\$ -
So Far So Good Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy													\$ -
Steps in Sobriety								\$ 25.00					\$ 25.00
Taking Care of Business													\$ -
There is a Solution Group													\$ -
36 Principles Group													\$ -
Wednesday Reflections							\$ 20.00						\$ 20.00
Westchase Nooners	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00					\$ 300.00
West Memorial													\$ -
Wild West Group	\$ 115.00			\$ 119.00			\$ 96.00						\$ 330.00
Working With Others		\$ 160.00											\$ 160.00
White Oak													\$ -
Unknown	\$ 17.00												\$ 17.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 833.07	\$ 438.53	\$ 602.40	\$ 839.30	\$ 661.13	\$ 422.08	\$ 1,173.32	\$ 268.00	\$ 812.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,965.48



# AREA 67 EVENTS



## SOBER CELEBRATIONS GROUP HOLIDAY AA ALCOTHON

THANKSGIVING. NOV 28

CHRISTMAS  DEC 25

NEW YEARS EVE DEC 31



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SOBER CELEBRATIONS GROUP  
SERENE BEANS  
5609 3RD ST.  
KATY, TX 77493



If you're looking for Serenity after the Holiday celebrations with family and friends, come join the AA fellowship for any of the 6-hr Alcothon meetings beginning at 6pm on each holiday listed and continuing till midnight. Please feel free to bring food to share if able. Looking forward to sharing fellowship and serenity during the holidays

# AREA 67 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	MEETING DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
Archives	2nd Monday of the month - 7:00 pm	Google Meet meet.google.com/uus-pbqk-xip Online Only
CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community	1st Monday of the month - 7:30 pm	Zoom ID: 632-634-860 Passcode: 153379
CFC - Correctional Facilities Committee	3rd Wednesday of the month - 7:30 pm <b>HYBRID</b>	Zoom: ID: 477-254-9035 Passcode: heartbeat Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitcheldale St. Houston, TX 77092 Conference Room
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm	Google Meet <a href="https://meet.google.com/irm-etev-jrx">meet.google.com/irm-etev-jrx</a>
Intergroup {Delegate's Meeting}	3rd Thursday every other month - 8:00 pm	Zoom Call (786) 686-6300 for more information
IT - Information Technology Committee	4th Saturday of the month - 10:00 am	Google Meet ID: nqm-vypy-yao
Multi-Lingual	1st Thursday of the month 7:30 pm	District 66 - 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 Houston, TX 77036
Literature	3rd Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm	Zoom ID: 257-198-925 Passcode: 443980
PI - Public Information	4th Tuesday of the month - 7:30 pm	Zoom ID: 330-417-285 Passcode: 153379
TFC - Treatment Facility Committee	15th day of every month - 7:00 pm  At times the 15th of the month can fall on a weekend or holiday. When that occurs, the TFC meeting will automatically be held <b>on the following business day.</b>	Zoom ID: 552-569-791 Passcode: 169753

**Next District Meeting  
Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

**Virtual Here**

**In Person:  
Church of the Holy Apostles  
Room 115**

**1225 W Grand Pkwy S  
Katy, TX 77494**

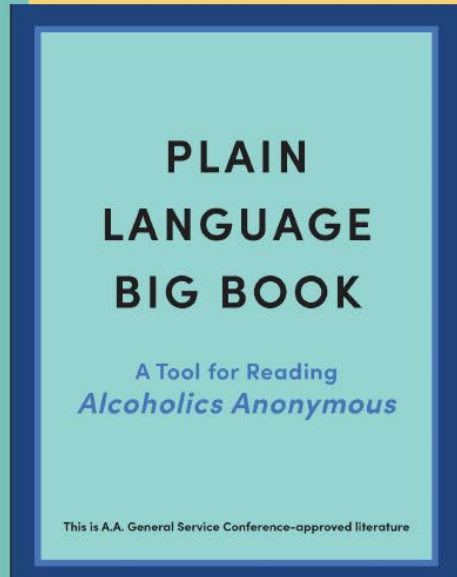


**If you can quit drinking  
alcohol in a world that is  
totally obsessed with it,  
then you can do anything.**





# Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024



The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* “the Big Book.” It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.’s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the “abridged version” (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

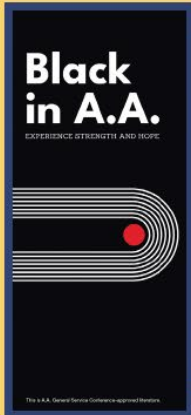
**The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.**

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PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- **Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024**
- **List Price \$11.**
- **Item B-90**
- **192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"**
- **Softcover format with flaps**

# Announcing: NEW items from AAWS!

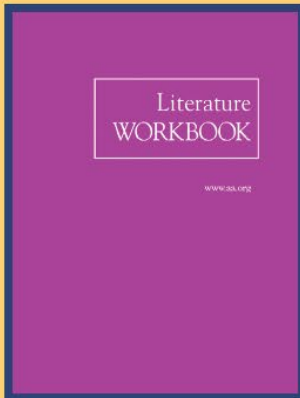


**"Black In AA – Experience Strength and Hope"**  
(P-51) List price \$.75

### *New completely revised pamphlet*

Now available in a completely updated and rewritten pamphlet — “Black in A.A. – Experience, Strength and Hope” replaces the pamphlet titled “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic.” With an illuminating new Introduction and contemporary sharing by 12 A.A. members from the United States and Canada, the new pamphlet will be published in English, with French and Spanish translations to follow.

**ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER**



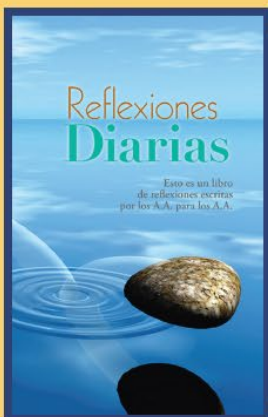
**Literature Workbook**  
(M-52I) List price \$6.00

### *New Literature service tool*

Several years in the making, this brand-new Workbook was compiled from practical shared experience of A.A. members in the Literature service area.

Literature committees at the District and Area levels help educate the Fellowship about General Service Conference-approved literature and related service material. All of their efforts work to insure we protect and maintain the integrity of the A.A. message. Helpful sections of the workbook include: “Samples of Planned Service Activities,” and “Growing Literature Committees in Districts.”

**ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER**



**Reflexiones Diarias**  
(SB-19) List Price \$12.50

### *in a new Large Print edition*

A.A.'s popular book of daily meditations that features quotations from A.A. literature paired with members' responses to them for every day of the year is now being made available in Spanish in a Large Print edition, for the first time. This edition will help make this inspirational text more accessible to our Spanish-speaking members, and it is published as a direct result of responding to the expressed need of the Fellowship.

**ON SALE: END OF SEPTEMBER**





Language of the Heart  
Lenguaje del corazón  
Le langage du cœur

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

August 9, 2024

Dear A.A. Friends,

This is an exciting time in the planning of our 2025 International Convention. The **Registration and Housing Processes** will open on September 10, 2024, at Noon, Eastern Time. This memo includes information on the two ways to register and obtain housing, if needed.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION AND HOUSING PROCESS

Attendees planning to register and book housing online through our vendor, Showcare, **should use the Online Registration and Housing Process**. In the online portal, attendees can register, as well as add on our exciting product offerings. Once the online registration is complete, attendees seeking housing will be guided to book an option.

Attendees can access the Online Registration and Housing Process via a link on our website at <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>. Additionally, the attached Registration Brochure is filled with information about the 2025 International Convention you want to review.

### PRINT FORM REGISTRATION PROCESS

Due to security and privacy guidelines, we no longer allow attendees to provide their credit or debit card information on our Print Registration Form. The **Print Form Registration Process** will allow attendees to pay for the registration fee and our additional product offerings by **check or money order only**. If your print registration form arrives by mail to Showcare before registration opens, it will not be processed until September 10, 2024.

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## HOW TO REQUEST HOUSING USING THE PRINT REGISTRATION FORM

In the *housing section* of the print registration form, attendees can indicate they want to “reserve housing.” Individual members will be able to indicate a preferred housing dollar range and book up to two (2) rooms. We require attendees to provide a **valid email address** to complete the booking of a housing reservation. **You must have a credit card to reserve a hotel room.**

*NOTE: YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SHOULD INCLUDE THE TOTAL OF THE REGISTRATION FEE AND ALL SELECTED PRODUCT OFFERINGS. PLEASE DO NOT ADD IN A HOUSING DEPOSIT WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.*

We will do our best to match you to your requested housing range, but if not available, we will search for a housing option at the closest available rate. A link to the housing system will be emailed to you with your confirmation so you may provide your **credit card information** to complete the reservation. Please read the entire *Print Registration Form* for all details regarding the process.

## UNABLE TO ATTEND THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN PERSON? WE HAVE NEW OPTIONS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

You can use the Online Registration or Print Registration Form to:

- Register for a *Virtual Session Program Track*. This is a two-day 8 session virtual program track. The sessions will be live streamed as they are taking place and will not be available for purchase after the Convention. Cost is \$35 (USD).
- Purchase the *2025 International Convention Three Big Meetings Video Product*. It will be an anonymity-protected video recording available for viewing after the Convention is over. Cost is \$60 (USD)

Registration and housing questions? Call (514) 380-9375. Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish, press 3 for French, or email: [2025IC@showcare.com](mailto:2025IC@showcare.com).

Warm regards,

Patrick C.  
2025 International Convention Coordinator  
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## 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



July 3-6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia

### DISCOVER VANCOUVER

Vancouver is located on the unceded traditional territories of the  $x̣m̄əθk̄w̄əȳəm$  (Musqueam),  $S̄k̄w̄x̄ w̄ú7mesh$  (Squamish), and  $səl̄ilw̄ətaʔt̄$  (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples, who have lived on this land for thousands of years. In 2014, Vancouver was designated a City of Reconciliation, embarking on a sustained relationship of mutual respect with local First Nations.

A cosmopolitan city right on the edge of nature, Vancouver makes it easy to combine an urban getaway with outdoor adventure. From family-friendly fun to thrill-seeking exploits; from marine exploring to mountaintop luxury, you'll find plenty of things to do in Vancouver. Vancouverites know their city's culinary scene. They know where to find the best tower of fresh seafood, the finest house-made charcuterie, and the most delicious taco truck!

Now, close your eyes and breathe in deep. As the earthy, cedar-scented air fills your lungs, listen to the birds twittering, wind rustling through leaves, and evergreen needles crunching underfoot as you wander the forest's carpeted path. As you round the corner, Stanley Park's Lost Lagoon comes into view. Just a few minutes past are the towers and skyscrapers of downtown Vancouver. This is what inspires Vancouverites every day.

### MEETINGS, MEETINGS AND MORE MEETINGS

Beginning Thursday at midnight through early Sunday, marathon A.A. meetings will be held in English, French and Spanish. A.A. topic meetings, workshops, panels, special interest meetings, and regional meetings will be held Friday and Saturday at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Sharing with members from around the world will energize you to carry the message back home!

#### NEW FOR 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

### WE ARE OFFERING A VIRTUAL SESSION

**PROGRAM TRACK:** Attendees who are unable to attend the 2025 International Convention in person can register for a two-day 8 session virtual program track. The sessions will be live streamed as they are taking place and not available for purchase after the Convention.

### A.A. EVENTS IN VANCOUVER!

Vancouver Convention Centre is located at the downtown waterfront and where on Thursday evening we will hold a Block Party at venues around the Convention Campus. Friday night we all come together in the BC Place Stadium for the Flag Ceremony and Opening A.A. Meeting; Saturday night for an Oldtimers A.A. Meeting; and Sunday morning for the Closing A.A. Meeting. There will be more fellowship opportunities outside the BC Place Stadium after the Friday and Saturday night A.A. Meetings.

### AL-ANON AND ALATEEN ACTIVITIES

A variety of daytime activities, including meetings and workshops for Al-Anon and Alateen, are scheduled at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. There will be meetings offered in French and Spanish, along with the English program. And, of course, Al-Anons and Alateens will join the festivities at the Thursday night Block Party near the waterfront and at venues around the Convention Campus, the Big Meetings and more.

### 2025 INTERNATIONAL A.A. CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

The 2025 International Convention Souvenir book, "A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Love & Service" is a lavishly illustrated celebration of our Fellowship, its vibrant history, and A.A. around the world today. In these full-color pages, you'll read the inspiring stories of Bill W., Dr. Bob, and the early A.A. s who spread the word of Alcoholics Anonymous, one alcoholic to another, in ever-widening circles. A treasure trove of archival and new material, this autograph book-size volume brings to vivid life the message of Recovery, Service and Unity that lies at the very heart of our program. Including blank pages for notes and autographs, "A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Love & Service" will make a one-of-a-kind keepsake of the 2025 Vancouver Convention.

If you preorder the International Convention souvenir book when you register prior to May 9, 2025, you will receive the book in the mail. If registering after May 9, 2025, the book will be available for pick-up at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

### GRAPEVINE'S "LANGUAGE OF THE HEART" SOUVENIR JOURNAL

To help celebrate the 2025 International Convention, collect your memories, thoughts, ideas, prayers, jokes, stories, and the signatures of friends and people you meet in this beautiful journal from AA Grapevine. Keep track of a wonderful weekend of sober celebration in Vancouver with fellows from around the world, and then use it for years to come. The journal features wonderful quotes from our cofounder Bill W.'s collected writings from Grapevine's most popular book, *The Language of the Heart*, the theme of the 2025 Convention.

If you preorder the Grapevine's "Language of the Heart" souvenir journal when you register prior to May 9, 2025, you will receive the journal in the mail. If registering after May 9, 2025, the journal will be available for pick-up at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

### CONVENTION APP

A 2025 International Convention app will be available for download for mobile devices. This will give attendees instant access to the convention program, schedule changes, maps of the Convention Center and Vancouver area, updates and alerts, and more. Print programs will still be available for attendees.

Convention Dates: July 3-6, 2025 | Advanced Registration Deadline: April 15, 2025 | Registration Opens: September 10, 2024





## 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

### INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESSIBILITY BARRIERS

Many efforts have been made to assure your participation, as well as compliance with the Canadians With Disabilities Act. Transportation will be available to you in Vancouver, if required. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to be contacted regarding your needs for transportation and/or housing. Wheelchairs will be available to rent. You will need to make your own arrangements through our vendor.

### WEATHER

Daily high temperatures in July in Vancouver are around 70°F, rarely falling below 55°F or exceeding 85°F. The highest daily average high temperature for July is 75°F. As warm as the summer temperatures can be outdoors, be prepared for cool temperatures indoors — the air conditioning will be on!

### TRAVELING TO CANADA

The U.S. and Canada each have restrictions and regulations that apply to citizens and visitors who travel from one country to the other. U.S. citizens need a valid U.S. passport to travel to Canada. Citizens from other countries need to view Canadian Visa Requirements. Border crossing into Canada has significantly changed, particularly in the last two years. For more information: access links to Canada Border Services Agency website:

<https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

It is suggested that those who believe they have some past legal incident, such as a DUI or felony that could inhibit their ability to cross the border to attend the 2025 International Convention, seek assistance/information by accessing the Canada Border Services Agency link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility/overcome-criminal-convictions.html>

### OTHER LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ASL

As a truly international gathering, meetings in multiple languages—including American Sign Language (ASL), French, Spanish and more — will be available Friday and Saturday. Additionally, the Big Meetings in the BC Place Stadium will be simultaneously interpreted into several languages based on need and cost. ASL interpretation will be provided at the Big Meetings; look for the seating section to be set aside for this purpose.

## TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

### AIR TRAVEL\*

You may wish to take advantage of airline flight discounts available through one of our partners. SkyTeam comprises 19 international airlines: Aerolíneas Argentinas, Aeroméxico, Air Europa, Air France, China Airlines, China Eastern, Czech Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Garuda Indonesia, ITA Airways, Kenya Airways, KLM, Korean Air, Middle East Airlines, Saudia, TAROM, Vietnam Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, and Xiamen Air. To book your travel now, visit [skyteam.com/GlobalMeetings](http://skyteam.com/GlobalMeetings), click on Attend Your Event in the left bar and enter Event ID **48605**.

AirCanada is also providing our group with discounted travel. To book visit [aircanada.com](http://aircanada.com) and enter the Promotion Code **RF4VA681**.

### CAR RENTAL\*

As with airlines and hotels, car rentals are available at standard discount rates.

**Budget:** Contact either [www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com) or 1 (800) 842-5628 reference BCD #**Z727996**

**Avis:** Contact either [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) or 1 (800) 331-1600 reference AWD number **X227399**.

### CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION

We have hotel rooms throughout the Vancouver area! No door-to-door shuttle bus service will be available. During registration you will be able to purchase a three-day TransLink Compass Card. This card will be sent to you with your badge for those who register prior to May 9, 2025 will allow you to use public transit throughout Metro Vancouver for three days. This includes SkyTrain, Bus Service, and SeaBus. If you are staying in the area longer, these cards will be reloadable for you to add additional days.

### SAFETY TIPS

The staff and volunteers of the 2025IC are committed to the safety and security of our guests throughout the entire event. Here are some recommendations to ensure that the 2025IC experience is a pleasant and safe one.

- Know Your Surroundings
- Carry Important Documents
- Use The Buddy System
- Be Discreet
- Use the 2025IC Resources, such as our Mobile App.
- Be Medically Prepared
- See Something, Say Something

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT AND HOTEL

#### TAXI OPTIONS

Fares range from \$35-\$45 CAD based on traffic conditions from the airport (both terminals) to downtown Vancouver.

All taxis are first come first serve basis from one of our two taxi stands at YVR. Taxi stands are located on International Arrivals Level 2 and Domestic Arrivals Level 2 and are served by licensed taxi operators. For South Terminal passengers, the taxi stand is located right outside the terminal – only Richmond Taxi, Garden City Cabs, and Kimber Cabs operate there.

#### RIDE APP SERVICES

Ride App services have arrived at YVR and are committed to providing their passengers with reliable and diverse transportation options. Lyft, Uber and KABU are authorized providers of Ride App services at YVR.

#### Getting Picked Up at YVR

For the safety, security and efficiency of the operations, Ride App services at YVR are highly regulated. To ensure they deliver on their commitment to provide an exceptional airport experience for their customers, there are three pick up areas:

- International Arrivals, Level 2
- Domestic Arrivals, Level 2
- South Terminal

REGISTRATION OPENS  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**  
 ADVANCED DEADLINE IS:  
**APRIL 15, 2025**

**A. REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

- No badge required for children 12 years and younger - Both sides of this form may be duplicated - See reverse side for cancellation policy.

**MAIN ATTENDEE** (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
APT #					
CITY		ST/PROV		ZIP/POSTAL CODE	
COUNTRY		TELEPHONE			
EMAIL (*REQUIRED FIELD)					
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA		2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON		3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN	
				4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE	
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH		2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH		3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE	
				4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____	
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES		2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN 1 YR.		2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3		3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10	
		4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20		5. <input type="checkbox"/> 20-35	
		6. <input type="checkbox"/> 35-50		7. <input type="checkbox"/> 50-55	
		8. <input type="checkbox"/> 55-60		9. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 60	
AGE GROUP					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15		2. <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25		3. <input type="checkbox"/> 26-39	
		4. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-55		5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65	
		6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65			
ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTANCE ON-SITE <input type="checkbox"/> YES, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME ON ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT AVAILABLE					

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<input type="checkbox"/> I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM AAWS, INC. AND AA GRAPEVINE, INC. AFTER THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION							

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE** (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
APT #					
CITY		ST/PROV		ZIP/POSTAL CODE	
COUNTRY		TELEPHONE			
EMAIL (*REQUIRED FIELD)					
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA		2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON		3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN	
				4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE	
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION					
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**B. PAYMENT (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

**Advanced Registration Fee is:**

\$160 USD PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$185 USD AFTER APRIL 15 TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$216 CAD (when using Canadian checks)  
 PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 CAD AFTER APRIL 15 TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 International Convention Virtual Session Program Track**  
 A live two-day 8 session virtual track for people who are unable to attend the 2025 International Convention in person.

\$35 USD  \$47 CAD TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3-Day TransLink Pass (OPTIONAL)**

\$31 USD  \$42 CAD  1 PASS  2 PASSES TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 International Convention Souvenir Book (OPTIONAL)**

\$15 USD PER PRE-ORDER BOOK (includes shipping)  \$20 CAD PER PRE-ORDER BOOK

QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 International Convention Three Big Meetings Video Product (OPTIONAL)** An anonymity-protected video recording available for viewing.

\$60 USD  \$81 CAD TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AA Grapevine Souvenir Journal – Trilingual (OPTIONAL)**

\$15 USD (includes shipping)  \$20 CAD

QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grapevine one-year print subscription - English only (OPTIONAL)**

\$36 USD  \$49 CAD (check)  
 \$49 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grapevine one-year digital subscription - Online and app (OPTIONAL)**

\$29.99 USD (ALL except Canadian check)  \$40 CAD (check) TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grapevine one-year Complete subscription - Print, online and app (OPTIONAL)**

\$56 USD  \$76 CAD (check)  
 \$69 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**La Viña one-year print subscription - Spanish only (OPTIONAL)**

\$14.45 USD  \$20 CAD (check)  
 \$21 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**La Viña one-year digital subscription - Online and app (OPTIONAL)**

\$14.99 USD (ALL except Canadian check)  \$20 CAD (check) TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**La Viña one-year Complete subscription - Print, online and app (OPTIONAL)**

\$24.48 USD  \$33 CAD (check)  
 \$24.48 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIBERS MUST INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE AND INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.

I will be responsible for fees that may be charged by financial institutions due to a stop-payment or insufficient-funds check.

**CHECK/MONEY ORDER (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)**

I/We enclose the following total registration fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD. Checks/Money Orders made payable to "General Service Board Convention." International Checks/Money Orders (Except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank.

**WE SUGGEST DUPLICATING BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM.**

Send completed form with payment of Section B items only to: 2025 International Convention • PO Box 7032, Lancaster, PA 17604





## REGISTRATION BY WEB OR MAIL

Before you provide us with your personal information, check how we use it, with whom we share it, and how we protect it. Go to [www.aa.org/privacy](http://www.aa.org/privacy) or [www.aagrapevine.org/website-policy](http://www.aagrapevine.org/website-policy).

Registration opens September 10, 2024.

**Advanced Registration Fees** (prior to April 15, 2025):  
\$160 USD or \$216 CAD (Canadian residents only if paying by CAD check or money order).

**Payable by:** Check, Money Order, or Credit Card

International checks and money orders (except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. NOTE: We cannot accept travel agency checks for multiple registrations.

You may register online through [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Look for the logo with International Convention information, including the link to registration.

Or fill out and mail the registration form with full payment to:

**Mail:** 2025 International Convention  
(check or money order)  
PO Box 7032  
Lancaster, PA 17604

Once registered, your confirmation will be emailed to you. A valid email address is required for registration. Your registration form will not be processed if it does not contain a valid email.

The registration fees after April 15, 2025 will be \$185 USD or \$250 CAD. All attendees who register either via mail or online by May 9, 2025, will receive their badge and purchases in the mail prior to the International Convention.

Registration forms sent via mail and received after May 9, 2025, may not be processed. Please plan to check in at the Onsite Registration Counters at the Vancouver Convention Centre. We encourage you to register by May 9 to avoid long lines.

After May 9, 2025, online registration will remain open, and we urge attendees to pre-register before arriving in Vancouver. Badges and purchases for these attendees only must be picked up at Vancouver Convention Centre when you arrive at the 2025 International Convention.

If you have questions regarding the status of your mailed-in registration, please contact (514) 380-9375.

The Registration Hall opens Wednesday morning.

## CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations must be made in writing to [2025IC@showcare.com](mailto:2025IC@showcare.com). Refunds will be made only upon receipt of your written request and if received by May 9, 2025. No exceptions. There is a \$15 USD administrative processing fee for cancellations, which will be deducted from the refund. All ancillary items/products are non-refundable.

Cancellations requested prior to May 9 will be processed on a rolling basis.

## HOUSING/HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservation information, including the Housing Bureau's contact information, will be part of the registration process. Housing for the 2025 International Convention will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are planning to book housing, we highly recommend registering online rather than via mail. Any housing cancelled after October 31, 2024 will be charged for one-night stay.

**If you register by mail and select that you want to obtain housing, you will be placed based on your selected dollar range preference if space is available. A link to the housing system will be emailed to you with your confirmation so you may provide your credit card information. If you are not able to provide your credit card number within 48 hours this housing will be cancelled.**

**DO NOT SEND A HOUSING DEPOSIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.**

Individual members will be able to book up to two (2) rooms.

While we are trying to meet everyone's needs, we attempt to ensure fairness for the entire Fellowship so that single attendees and attendees traveling in a group have equal access to hotel arrangements for the Convention.

## REGISTRATION POLICIES

1. Registration payment must accompany all mailed registration forms.
2. Mailed preregistration forms must be postmarked by April 15, 2025. After that date, the rate of \$185 USD or \$250 CAD (if paying with Canadian check) must be included.
3. Any changes to registration information already processed must be made in writing before April 15, 2025, or onsite. All changes must be made by the current registrant on file. No charges will be assessed for corrections to badge information excluding substitutions (see below).
4. Substitutions made on or before April 15, 2025, will be subject to a \$5 USD / \$7 CAD processing fee.
5. Substitutions after April 15, 2025, must be made onsite and will be subject to a \$15 USD / \$20 CAD processing fee.  
Note: You must have the original attendee's badge to make onsite substitutions.
6. Your badge will be mailed to you. Remember to bring it with you to Vancouver. Replacement of lost or forgotten badges will be subject to a \$15 USD / \$20 CAD reprint fee.
7. Registration questions? Call (514) 380-9375. Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish, press 3 for French, or email: [2025IC@showcare.com](mailto:2025IC@showcare.com).
8. Convention-related questions? Call G.S.O. at (212) 870-2025.

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