

What is a Pre-Conference?

The Area 51 Pre-Conferences are events where all AAs can learn about & give their input on agenda items that will be discussed at the General Service Conference.

They provide an opportunity to involve, inform, and inspire our members with a thorough understanding of the General Service Conference structure and process. Additionally, the Pre-Cons provide feedback from our membership on the challenges and opportunities facing AA as a whole. The process comes alive with participation, discussion, and debate.

Pre-Conferences are hosted in three geographical regions of North Carolina (East, Central and West) and one for the Spanish Linguistic Districts.

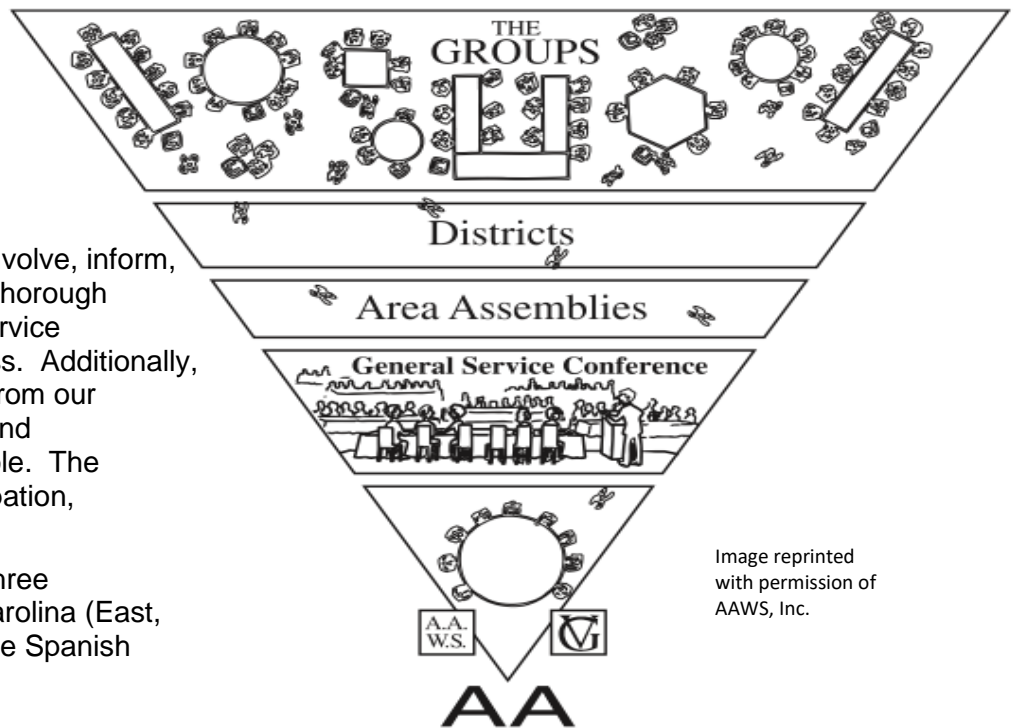


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Each Pre-Conference will start with an overview of the General Service Conference Structure. Attendees will be provided with the Conference agenda & they will choose to participate in one of five different work groups:

1. Corrections / CPC / Public Information / some Literature
2. Agenda / Policy & Admissions / International Conventions & Regional Forums / some Literature
3. Treatment & Accessibilities / Report and Charter / some Literature
4. Finance / Grapevine / Trustees / some Literature
5. Literature / Archives

Each-Pre-Conference work group will elect a chair and secretary. The work group will then discuss the agenda items of most interest and/or as requested by the Delegate.

Each work group will have DCMs and Alternate DCMs who have the agenda items and background material for their assigned work group. They will have participated in the Mock Conference in this same work group at the Winter Committee meeting. They are available as a resource, to answer questions and to provide clarification

After the work groups have had time to thoroughly discuss their material, all 5 of the groups will come together and report on the agenda items discussed, sharing their views, opinions, and thoughts with all Pre-Conference attendees.



The discussions at the Pre-Cons give all of Area 51 an opportunity to participate in the General Service Conference process and practice Concept One, which states “final responsibility & ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.”

The Pre-Conference discussions help to inform the delegate with an understanding of how our Area AA members feel about the agenda items. The members are provided an opportunity to express their views about the important challenges and issues facing AA today. This will ensure that our delegate attends the General Service Conference as an informed, but not instructed, delegate prepared to help make decisions for the good of AA as a whole.