

Delegates Report Pre Assembly Workshop Area 69  
August 17, 2013  
Tooele, Utah

I would like to thank District 2 for hosting this Workshop. Also, I would like to welcome everyone to Tooele, which has been my home base since 1985.

I visited several districts since we last met to give a conference report and answer any questions that they may have. If I have not visited your district please get with me to arrange a visit or give you the information that you desire.

I am looking forward to the workshop topics this weekend. Now, news from GSO.

**News from GSO (A.A.W.S. Highlights)**

Most of the G.S.O. staff rotated into their new assignments on July 15, 2013.

**Publishing**

Total gross sales for the first six months, through June 2013 are \$6,484,189 which is \$45,331 over estimate for the period and behind last year's gross sales for this same period by \$9,300.

The Board priced the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the first edition, first printing of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (to be published April 2014) at \$12.00.

As a result of continual and increasing requests from inmates for a large print format of the abridged Big Book, the Board approved developing the concept of a large print version of the existing soft cover abridged edition *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

**Finance**

For the first six months of 2013, contributions from A.A. groups and members of \$3,200,000 were \$28,579 over budget. Gross profit on literature sales of \$4,023,055 was \$165,501 over budget. Total expenses of \$7,636,443 were \$35,078 over budget. Net loss totaled \$412,817 compared with a six month budgeted loss of \$571,718.

**Other**

An overview of a report on the 2020 International Convention from Gregg Talley, International Conventions consultant, was shared at the A.A.W.S. Board meeting. In this report from the April, 2013 joint meeting of the trustees' and Conference Committees on International Conventions/Regional Forums, Gregg assured the committees - based on an earlier site visit to Detroit - that a vital re-growth is taking place within the inner city, and that financial and safety concerns were not a factor in the areas the International Convention will be using. More recent information confirmed the findings of this report.

Several outside organizations have proposed to the U.S. Post Office that a commemorative stamp featuring a full face photo of Bill W. be issued. It was also suggested that this stamp would be introduced at the 2015 International Convention of which there is no truth. Letters have been written and sent to the U.S. Post Office and all Conference members that this proposal does not come from or have the support of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.